

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA,

AT ITS
Third Annual Communication,
HELD AT
THE CITY OF TORONTO, CANADA WEST,
14th JULY, A. L. 5858—A. D. 1858.

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THE GRAND LODGE

OF

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

ELECTED OFFICERS—A. L. 5858-9.

- M. W. Br. WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, (Simcoe) Grand Master.
R. " " THOS. GIBBS RIDOUT, (Toronto) Deputy Grand Master.
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" " RICHARD BULL, " " " Hamilton "
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" " FRANCIS RICHARDSON, (Toronto) Grand Registrar.
" " THOMAS B. HARRIS, (Hamilton) Grand Secretary.
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The Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, will be held at the City of Kingston, on the second Wednesday of July, A.L. 5859, A.D. 1859.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall of King Solomon's Lodge, in the City of Toronto, on the second Wednesday, the 14th day of July, A. L. 5858, A. D. 1858—

PRESENT.

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. Br. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master,
on the Throne.
R. W. Br. Rev. Joseph Scott, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Br. James E. Smith, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Br. Samuel Ross, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Br. Capt. Thompson Wilson, D. D. G. M., London District.
R. W. Br. Kivas Tully, D.D.G.M., Toronto District.
R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, D.D.G.M., Central District.
R. W. Br. J. H. Isaacs, D.D.G.M., Montreal District.
R. W. Br. Rev. J. Tremayne, Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Br. William Bellhouse, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Br. William Henry Miller, Grand Registrar.
R. W. Br. Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary.
V. W. Br. Dr. R. Henwood, Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Br. Edward R. O'Brien, as Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Br. F. J. Rastrick, Grand Superintendent of Works.
V. W. Br. S. B. Campbell, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Br. William H. Pardey, as Grand Sword Bearer.

V. W. Br. Henry Grist, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 Br. William T. Thomas, Grand Organist.
 V. W. Br. H. B. Bostwick, Grand Pursuivant.
 V. W. Br. Thomas Rawlings,
 V. W. Br. William Bungay,
 V. W. Br. Dr. H. Crouse,
 V. W. Br. William H. Pardey,
 V. W. Br. Jos. A. Fisher, }
 Br. John Morrison, Grand Tyler.
 Grand Stewards.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. Br. A. Bernard, P. D. G. M.
 " " W. C. Stephens, P.D.D.G.M.
 " " James Daniel, P.D.D.G.M.
 ✓ " R. Bull, P.G.S.W.
 " " Rev. Dr. Lundy, P.G.C.
 " " Rev. St. George Caulfield, P.G.C.
 " " John Osborne, P.G.S.
 V. W. Br. James Moffatt, P.G.S.D.
 " " Thomas Duggan, P.G.S. of W.
 " " Wm. Bungay, P.G. Steward.

PAST MASTERS.

W. Br. E. Morris,	R. W. Br. A. Bernard,
" " Geo. G. Downes,	" " " James Daniel,
" " H. B. Bull,	V. " " James Moffatt,
R. " " Rev. F. J. Lundy,	R. " " J. H. Isaacson,
" " John W. Lewis,	" " " James E. Smith,
V. " " Henry Crouse,	" " " Wm. H. Miller,
R. " " W. B. Simpson,	" " " C. Fitzgibbon,
" " Samuel Ross,	" " " Wm. Cassidy,
" " Thomas Camm,	" " " Richard Bull,
" " Rev. Joseph Scott,	" " " John Osborne,
" " Israel Roberts,	V. " " Wm. Bungey,

PAST MASTERS—CONTINUED.

W. Br.	Thomas McLeod,	R. W. Br.	W. C. Stephens,
" "	John F. McCuaig,	" "	Wm. McPherson,
R. " "	Thos. B. Harris,	" "	Wm. A. Spooner,
" "	Wm. G. Crawford,	R. " "	Capt. T. Wilson,
" "	John W. Baine,	" "	Wm. G. Chambers,
" "	Wm. J. White,	" "	E. R. O'Brien,
" "	Henry Caldwell,	" "	J. A. Fisher,
" "	Thos. D. Warren,	" "	James Bowman,
V. " "	Thomas Rawlings,	" "	H. T. Martin,
" "	R. Henwood,	" "	Norman Booth,
" "	D. Curtis,	" "	Thomas Hardy,
" "	Geo. Duncan,	" "	John Dutton,
" "	D. McSwain,	" "	Wm. H. Oliver,
" "	Jacob Osman,	" "	Saml. H. Rance,
" "	James Woods,	R. " "	Kivas Tully,
" "	Jeremiah Taylor,	V. " "	S. B. Campbell,

A Constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the Most High.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees :—

ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Br. T. B. Harris, V. W. Br. S. B. Campbell, and W. Br. O'Brien.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Brs. John Osborne, Richard Bull, and W. C. Stephens.

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Brs. Geo. L. Allen, T. Wilson, J. Daniel, and F. J. Lundy.

ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

R. W. Br. W. C. Stephens, V. W. Brs. R. Henwood, F. J. Lundy, and H. Crouse.

ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Brs. Bernard, Lundy, and W. Br. Booth.

ON GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS.

R. W. Brs. Stephens, Scott, Osborne, Simpson, and W. Br. E. Morris.

ON FINANCE.

R. W. Brs. Kivas Tully, William Bellhouse, W. Brs. Warren
and E. R. O'Brien.

AUDIT.

W. Brs. J. F. McCuaig and W. G. Crawford.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Representatives of regular Chartered Lodges present, and also the Officers, Representatives and Proxies of the undermentioned Lodges under Dispensation, whom they recommend to be admitted and take part in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge :—

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, MONTREAL.

W. Br. Edwin Morris, P. M.
" Philip Henry, S. W.

NIAGARA LODGE, NO. 2, NIAGARA.

W. Br. W. G. F. Downes, W. M.

BARTON LODGE, NO. 3, HAMILTON.

W. Br. H. B. Bull, P. M.
" H. Davis, J. W.

UNION LODGE, NO. 4, GRIMSEY.

R. W. Br. F. J. Lundy, P. G. C., P. M.
" " John W. Lewis, P. M.
" " John S. Walker, W. M.
" D. C. Macmillan, S. W.

NORFOLK LODGE, NO. 5, SIMCOE.

V. W. Br. Henry Crouse, G. Steward, P. M.
" " Henry Groff, W. M.

SUSSEX LODGE, NO. 6, BROCKVILLE.

R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, D. D. G. M. and P. M.
" " S. Ross, G. J. W. and P. M.
" " Thomas Camm, P. M. and Rep.

PREVOST LODGE, NO. 7, DUNHAM.

R. W. Br. Rev. Joseph Scott, D. G. M. and P. M.

GOLDEN RULE LODGE, NO. 8, STANSTEAD.

R. W. Br. Rev. Joseph Scott, D. G. M. (Proxy.)

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, NO. 9, ST. CATHARINES.

W. Br. Israel Roberts, P. M.
" " William Poe, W. M.
" " George Scott, J. W.

PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, NO. 10, PICTON.

W. Br. C. W. Andrews, W. M.
" H. E. Bowles, J. W.

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NELSON LODGE, NO. 11, CLARENCEVILLE.

R. W. Br. Rev. Joseph Scott, D. G. M. (Proxy.)

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, NO. 13, MONTREAL.

R. W. Br. A. Bernard, P. D. G. M. and W. M.

" A. A. Stevenson, J. W.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 14, LONDON.

R. W. Br. James Daniel, P.D.D.G.M. and P.M.

V. " James Moffatt, P.G.S.D. and P.M.

" Thomas Francis, W.M.

" Edward Garratt, S.W.

" Edwin Heathfield, J.W.

ZETLAND LODGE, NO. 15, MONTREAL.

R. W. Br. J. H. Isaacson, D.D.G.M. and P. M.

" A. Hoffnung.

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, NO 16, TORONTO.

R. W. Br. J. E. Smith, G.S.W. and P.M.

" " W. H. Miller, G. Reg. and W.M.

" " Rice Lewis, P.M.

" " Charles Fitzgibbon, P.M.

" " William Cassidy, P.M.

" H. J. Gear, S.W.

" A. M. Munro, J.W.

STRICK OBSERVANCE LODGE, NO. 17, HAMILTON.

R. W. Br. R. Bull, P.G.S.W. and P. M.

" " W. Bellhouse, G. T. and P.M.

" " J. Osborne, P.G.S. and P.M.

" " S. G. Patton, W.M.

" J. M. Rogerson, S.W.

V. " H. Grist, Assistant G.D. of C., and J.W.

THISTLE LODGE, NO. 19, AMHERSTBURGH.

W. Br. John G. Kolfage, W.M.

V. " Wm. Bungey, G. Steward and P.M.

" " Thos. MacLeod, P.M.

" " J. W. Risdale, S.W.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 20, HAMILTON.

R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, G. Sec. and W.M.

" " J. F. McCuaig, P.M.

" " W. G. Crawford, P. M.

" " J. W. Baine, P.M.

" C. S. Chittenden, S.W.

" T. C. Sterling, J.W.

ST. THOMAS LODGE, NO. 21, ST. THOMAS.

W. Br. H. Caldwell, W.M.

" " William J. White, P.M.

" " Thomas D. Warren, P.M.

R. " " St. George Caulfield, P.G.Chap. and S.W.

" J. B. Hart, J.W.

BRANT LODGE, NO. 22, BRANTFORD.

V. W. Br. Thos. Rawlings, G. Steward and P.M.

" " R. Henwood, G.S.D. and P.M.

" " D. Curtis, P.M.

" " Geo. W. Malloch, W.M.

" M. W. Pruyne, S.W.

GREAT WESTERN LODGE, NO. 23, WINDSOR.

W. Br. George Duncan, P.M. and Rep.

WELLINGTON LODGE, NO. 24, DUNNVILLE.

W. Br. D. McSwain, P.M.

" " Jacob Osman, P.M.

" " S. Cornick, W.M.

SHEFFORD LODGE, NO. 25, WATERLOO, C. E.

R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, G.S. (Proxy.)

MAPLE LODGE, NO. 26, VAUGHAN.

W. Br. James Woods, P.M.

" " James Dick, W.M. and Rep.

" Joseph Ingram, Sec.

HARMONY LODGE, NO. 27, BINBROOK.

W. Br. Jeremiah Taylor, P. M. and Rep.

WELLINGTON LODGE, NO. 28, STRATFORD.

W. Br. A. B. Orr, W.M.

ACACIA LODGE, NO. 30, HAMILTON.

R. W. Br. W. C. Stephens, P.D.D.G.M. and P.M.

V. " " Thos. Duggan, P.G.S. of W. and W.M.

" " F. J. Rastrick, G. S. of W. and S.W.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, NO. 31, CALEDONIA.

W. Br. Wm. McPherson, P.M.

" " W. A. Spooner, P.M.

" J. B. Choate, S.W.

KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 32, LONDON.

R. W. Br. Capt. T. Wilson, D.D.G.M. and P.M.

" " Wm. G. Chambers, P. M.

" Philip T. Worthington, J.W.

REHOBOAM LODGE, NO. 33, TORONTO.

W. Br. E. R. O'Brien, P.M.

V. " " W. H. Pardey, W.M.

" Geo. P. Lauder, S.W.

" H. S. Weatherly, J.W.

ST. FRANCIS LODGE, NO. 35, MELBOURNE.

W. Br. George H. Napier, W.M. and Rep.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 36, INGERSOLL.

R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, G. S. (Proxy.)

KING LODGE, NO. 37, KING.

W. Br. J. A. Fisher, W.M.

" " James Bowman, P.M.

VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 38, SHERBROOKE.

W. Br. Henry T. Martin, P.M. and Rep.

ALMA LODGE, NO. 39, GALT.

W. Br. Norman Booth, P.M.

" " A.E. Irving, W.M.

" Louis W. Dessauer, S.W.

" Otto Klotz, J.W.

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ST. JAMES' LODGE, NO. 40, MAITLAND.

R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, D.D.G.M. (Proxy.)

KING HIRAM LODGE, NO. 41, TILSONBURG.

W. Br. Thomas Hardy, P.M. (Proxy.)

ALBION LODGE, NO. 42, NEWBURY.

Br. George C. Secord, J.W. and Rep.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 43, DELAWARE.

W. Br. John Dutton, W.M.

" William Livingston, J.W.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 44, PARIS.

W. Br. W. H. Oliver, W.M. and Rep.

BEAVER LODGE, NO. 45, STRATHROY.

W. Br. John A. Scoon, W.M.

" John Manning, S.W.

CLINTON LODGE, NO. 46, CLINTON.

W. Br. Samuel H. Rance, W.M. and Rep.

RISING SUN LODGE, NO. 47, FARMERSVILLE.

R. W. Br. F. Tremayne, G. Chaplain and Rep.

WILSON LODGE, NO. 48, TORONTO.

R. W. Br. K. Tully, D.D.G.M. and W.M.

V. " " S. B. Campbell, G.D. of C. and S.W.

" H. B. Bostwick, G. Pursuivant and J.W.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

CATARAQUI LODGE, KINGSTON.

W. Br. E. J. Barker, W.M.

" G. O'Loughlin, S.W.

" S. H. Blondheim, J.W.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, PORT STANLEY.

R. W. Br. Capt. T. Wilson, D.D.G.M. (Proxy.)

MAPLE LEAF LODGE, ST. CATHERINES.

W. Br. William McGhie, W.M.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, DRUMMONDVILLE.

W. Br. Rev. Thomas W. Street, W.M.

" George Troomley, S.W.

MARKHAM UNION LODGE, UNIONVILLE.

W. Br. William Campbell, W.M.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NORWICHVILLE.

W. Br. Paul Bedford, W.M.

" John A. Tidey, Jun., J.W.

SHARON LODGE, SHARON.

W. Br. James Bowman, W.M.

VALLEY LODGE, DUNDAS.

W. Br. John King, W.M.

IRON DUKE LODGE, ARTHUR.

R. W. Br. T. B. Harris, (Proxy.)

MOUNT BRYDGES LODGE, MOUNT BRYDGES.

W. Br. W. G. Chambers, (Proxy.)

ST. JAMES' LODGE, ST. MARY'S.

R. W. Br. Capt. T. Wilson, D.D.G.M. (Proxy.)

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, KINCARDINE.

R. W. Br. Thomas B. Harris, (Proxy.)

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NORWICHVILLE.

The Grand Secretary, (Proxy.)

BURFORD LODGE, BURFORD.

The Grand Secretary, (Proxy.)

ST. PAUL'S LODGE, LAMBETH.

R. W. Br. Capt. T. Wilson, D.D.G.M. (Proxy.)

On motion of R.W. Br. F. J. Lundy, seconded by W. Br. H. B. Bull, the Report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The Most Worshipful Br. Philip C. Tucker, Grand Master of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, was announced.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed a Deputation to receive the M.W. Brother.

The Deputation introduced M. W. Br. Tucker to the Grand Master, who warmly welcomed him, and invited him to a seat on the dais, and acknowledged with the usual grand honors.

The R.W. Br. Robert Morris, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, was also announced.

The same Deputation also proceeded and introduced the Right Worshipful Br. Morris, who was received with the usual grand honors, kindly greeted by the Grand Master and invited to a seat on the dais.

The Minutes of the last regular Communication, held at Montreal on the 8th of July, 1857, and following days, and of subsequent Special Communications, were read, and, on motion, confirmed.

The M.W. Grand Master then read the following

A D D R E S S :

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE,

When at our last Annual Meeting I had the honor of addressing you, I did not anticipate that a similar duty would so speedily have devolved upon me. Having, however, in obedience to your wishes, again assumed the Oriental Chair, it becomes my pleasing privilege to lay before you a brief statement of the various events and incidents of the past year, with such suggestions and remarks as may appear to me pertinent and appropriate.

PROGRESS.

I congratulate you, Brethren, upon the large measure of success which has, thus far, attended your efforts to advance the cause of Masonry in this Province. That apathy and indifference which, for so many years, under the old *regime*, repressed and retarded the advancement of our Order, has given place, under the new organization, to a more lively interest in, and a more active administration of, Masonic affairs. Dispensations for opening fifteen new Lodges, in various parts of our jurisdiction, have been granted by me during the past year, and, in every instance, the duty of controlling and working these Lodges has been entrusted to worthy and competent Brethren, in whose favor the tongue of good report had loudly sounded. The names and localities of these Lodges will be laid before you by the Grand Secretary, and it will be for you to determine whether or not their present authority shall be replaced by a more regular warrant of constitution.

RECOGNITIONS.

I have much pleasure in announcing that I continue to receive from our Sister Grand Lodges assurances of the most friendly nature, accompanied by expressions of the liveliest interest in our prosperity and progress. In addition to the Grand Bodies who had Masonically recognised the Grand Lodge of Canada, and which were announced to you last year, I am happy to say that eleven other Grand Lodges have since extended to us the right hand of fellowship; so that the legality of our proceedings, and the

correctness of our position, have now been endorsed by the highest authorities in *twenty-two* Masonic jurisdictions. A feeling of veneration and respect for the Grand Lodge of England, (a feeling with which I by no means find fault) and perhaps also the absence of full information as to all the facts of the case, has hitherto prevented several Grand Bodies from according to us a reciprocation of that fraternal regard and intercourse which we had tendered them. But even among these Grand Lodges we have many warm friends, who have not only deeply sympathised with us in all our struggles and trials, but have also rejoiced with us in the success which has attended our efforts to advance the cause of Masonry in Canada.

ARGUMENTS.

In my last Annual Address, when referring to the discussions to which our movement had given rise, and the flood of light which had been poured forth upon this important and most interesting point in Masonic Law by some of the ablest writers of the day, I was of opinion that the subject had been nearly exhausted, and that nothing either new or interesting could well be added. Those of you, however, who have had an opportunity of reading that able and logical article, from the pen of our distinguished friend and brother, Dr. Mackay, of South Carolina, which appeared in a recent number of the "Masonic Quarterly," and the additional arguments advanced by our consistent friend and warm supporter, the venerable and much esteemed Grand Master of Vermont, will at once observe how much I was mistaken in my supposition, and will, at the same time, be pleased to learn, that the more completely our past history is criticised and examined, the more thoroughly and perfectly will the correctness of our position be established. In evidence of the truth of this proposition, I cannot deny myself the pleasure of directing your attention to the masterly and unanswerable arguments brought to bear upon the subject by the Most Worshipful Brother, Thomas Brown, Past Grand Master of the G. L. of Florida, in his able Report as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW YORK.

Among the important Masonic events of the past year, one has recently transpired which must excite a thrill of pleasure, and elicit

an expression of satisfaction and delight in every true Masonic heart on this Continent—the unhappy disunions which, for so many years, have kept apart our Brethren in the State of New York, and which have been a cause of reproach to our noble Order, now no longer exist. The demon of discord has been vanquished, and peace, love and harmony, reign triumphant. The warm grasp of Brotherhood has been cordially given and received, and the Masons of that State are again united under one banner. May their union be perpetual, and may the memory of their past differences only remain as an additional incitement to increased exertions in the great and glorious cause for which we are all associated.

CONDITION OF OUR LODGES.

I have much pleasure in announcing, for the information of the Grand Lodge, that in the many official visits which I have made during my term of office to our subordinate Lodges, I found a large majority of them in a highly flourishing and satisfactory condition; but, at the same time, truth compels me to add that *all* were not in an equally prosperous state. In some few instances I heard with regret, that the regular communications were not well attended; that it was with difficulty a sufficient number of Brethren could be got together to enable the Lodge to proceed with the work; and that a general apathy and want of interest was displayed by the Members of these Lodges. On investigating the causes which had apparently led to this strange and unnatural state of affairs, I found that it originated, invariably, in a careless and inefficient administration of the business of the Lodge. Members had been permitted to become largely in arrears for dues; the liabilities of the Lodge remained unliquidated; the By-Laws were allowed to be broken with impunity; and the general discipline of the Order was not strictly enforced. This painful state of affairs can only be remedied by a more rigid adherence to the Rules of the Order, and by the exercise of stricter discipline on the part of those in authority. I would earnestly entreat the Officers of such Lodges, if there be any now present, if they have any regard for Masonry—if they love the Order and are really desirous that it should flourish—to reflect more seriously upon their duties and their obligations; for as their positions in the craft are exalted, so are their responsibilities great.

A MODEL MASTER.

To become the model Master of a Lodge should be the ambition of every Brother, and to discharge with efficiency and zeal the duties of that important office should be his most anxious desire. These duties are not confined to the mere repetition of a few phrases, learned by rote, but he should be enabled to instruct the Craft, not only as to the meaning and origin of our ceremonies, but also to explain to them the philosophy which is veiled in its allegories and illustrated by its symbols. He should be able, also, to convince his Brethren, that all science and all art, legitimately directed, are but lines that radiate towards the great "I AM;" that the Sciences are the *media* by which we are led to contemplate the goodness, greatness, wisdom and power, of the Great Architect of the Universe; and that the Arts are the modes we have developed of expressing our sense and admiration of the wondrous glories of an Almighty Father which are scattered around us. The Master of a Lodge should also, in his life and in his conversation, be a model for his Brethren to admire and imitate, and should himself practice, out of the Lodge, those great moral doctrines and virtues which he inculcates within its walls. He should be punctual and methodical in all things, and, both by his character and conduct, command the respect, the esteem, and good will of all men; for, as the Master is supreme in his Lodge, and distinguished by his position in the Craft, so should he also be distinguished as the possessor of an irreproachable character, a dignified demeanor, an expanded intellect, and a liberal education. Happy and prosperous must those Lodges be which are governed by such men! —their time of meeting is looked forward to by the Brethren with the most pleasing anticipations. Prompt at the hour, every Brother is at his station, and the work is carried on with pleasure and profit. The Worshipful Master who presides over his Lodge with ability, firmness, and decision; (for without force of character there can be no force of impression) whose manner is courteous yet dignified; whose decisions are consonant with reason and Masonic Law; and who dispenses light and information among the Craft, will ever be regarded by his Brethren as one who is entitled to their highest respect and their most fraternal regard. The anxious enquirer after Truth and Light feels that he may appeal with

confidence and safety to such a ruler of a Lodge, as to one who is not only able and willing to reward and advance him according to his ability and worth, but to one whose duty and high privilege it is to diffuse the beams of light and to scatter abroad the seeds of truth. The aspirant, animated by the love of truth, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, duly appreciating the philosopher's apothegm, that "Knowledge is Power," and prompted by higher desires, eagerly presses forward, believing in a nobler destiny and aspiring after a brighter record; it is the Master's duty to assist him in his research—it is his high privilege to "pour the balm of instruction o'er the mind," to fill it with light, to stir up its powers, and to raise it to its proper supremacy over matter. It is for him to bestow upon the neophyte—if he finds him worthy and qualified—not only wealth but power also; not the *wealth* that corrupts its owner, nor the *power* which enslaves its dependant, but the ennobling *wealth* of wisdom and the enduring *power* of knowledge [The means of acquiring Masonic knowledge have now, by the indomitable perseverance of our distinguished Brother, Robert Morris, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, been placed within the reach of all. His Masonic Library, which embraces several valuable volumes, contributed by himself, should appear, not only in every Lodge Room, but in the house of every intelligent Mason, as it embodies nearly all that is valuable in Masonic literature.] The Financial affairs of the Lodge are managed by such a Master with prudence and economy—he regards debts due either by or to his Lodge peculiarly as debts of honor, and takes care to have them promptly arranged—the Brethren, loving the man and respecting his authority, submit to his decisions with cheerfulness and alacrity, and are ready at all times to aid him in his efforts to advance the interests of the Order. The cement with which he has bound the Brethren together is not confined to the Lodge Room, but is carried out into the world, and practical illustrations of friendship and brotherly love are daily exemplified. Time will not now permit me to enlarge upon the various qualities and virtues which adorn the model Master. I must therefore leave the subject for the present, and conclude by remarking, that I feel proud and happy in being enabled to say that, I believe, we have among us many Masters and Past Masters of Lodges who are an

honor to the Fraternity and the Order—many, who are not only Masters of *men* but also of *work*, and who are indeed entitled to the proud distinction of being regarded as *cream of the Craft*.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

In consequence of an event of a painful and afflicting nature which occurred in my family in August last, I have not been able, during the past year, to devote quite so much time as I could have wished to the duty of visiting our Lodges ; my report, therefore, in this particular, will be very brief. I find, however, on reference to my journal, that in January last I assisted at the consecration of Lodges at Paris and Newbury, and visited also St. John's Lodge, Delaware. (This Lodge, under the fostering care of our intelligent and Worshipful Brother Dutton, I found in a most prosperous condition.) In February, I had the pleasure of paying an official visit to each of the following Lodges : " Strict Observance" at Hamilton ; " Kilwinning" of London ; " Beaver" of Strathroy ; and " Norfolk," at Simcoe ; all of which were apparently flourishing. On the 24th of May, assisted by several Grand Officers and a large number of Brethren, I laid the corner stone of a new School House in the Town of Simcoe. On the 22nd of June last I visited Brant Lodge, where I had the pleasure of initiating my eldest son into the mysteries of our Order. This Lodge, I am happy to say, is also in a most satisfactory condition. On the 24th of the same month, assisted by the Grand Secretary and other Grand Officers and Brethren, I dedicated a new and most commodious Lodge-Room, occupied by our enterprising Brethren of " Great Western Lodge," at Windsor. While in that neighborhood, I had the pleasure of meeting the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and several Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, with whom I had much pleasant intercourse. In my various visits to the Lodges in the London District, I was accompanied by R.W. Br. Capt. Thompson Wilson, the D.D.G.M., whose attention to the important duties of his office, and whose zeal in the cause of Masonry, entitle him to the gratitude and respect of the Fraternity. I received an invitation from " Golden Rule Lodge," Stanstead, to lay the corner stone of a church in that vicinity on the 30th of June, but in consequence of my engagements

at the west end of the Province, I was unable to be present on that interesting occasion.

DEMARARA.

An application from certain Brethren in Demarara, for a Dispensation to enable them to open a Lodge there, under the authority of this Grand Lodge, was forwarded to me in March last, by the R.W.D.D.G.M. for the Montreal District. As this was the first application of the kind which I had received from abroad, I felt that it required sound consideration before finally deciding upon it; but I must admit that the idea of thus extending the power and influence of this Grand Lodge, exercised at first considerable influence on my mind. However, after a consultation with a distinguished Brother, and upon carefully considering the question in all its bearings, I arrived at the conclusion that it would have been neither wise nor politic for this Grand Lodge to interfere in the Masonic affairs of that distant territory. It is very true that the British possessions, both in South America and the West Indies, are, Masonically speaking, at present unoccupied ground, as no Grand Lodge has yet been there established; but I did not feel that we, a Sister Colony—although Masonically independent of the Mother Country—could consistently interfere in this matter, even at their own request. The proud position which we have attained in the Province, and the means by which it was accomplished, are now matters of History; and, although we have successfully established our own Masonic independence, I do not consider that we would be justified either in assisting or inciting another British Colony to follow our example. For these and other reasons which will be found in my correspondence, I declined granting the Dispensation prayed for; and I trust that my decision in this matter will be approved of by the Grand Lodge.

WORK.

I have also to inform you that the Committee, to whom was referred the duty of examining and reporting upon the various modes of working used by our subordinate Lodges, (of which Committee I am a member *ex officio*) after a careful and laborious investigation, have at length agreed upon a system, which will be submitted for your approval, and which, I hope, will be adopted as

a standard in this jurisdiction. The importance of this subject will commend it to your notice. It therefore requires no further comment from me to secure for it your earnest attention and consideration.

INCORPORATION.

At our last General Meeting, I was requested by the Grand Lodge to take into my consideration the propriety of making an application to the Legislature of the Province for an Act of Incorporation, to enable this Grand Lodge, and the Lodges acting under its authority, to hold real estate in a corporate capacity. In compliance with your wishes, I have given the subject my best consideration; and, without delaying you at present with the many arguments which might be advanced both for and against such a proceeding, I arrive at the conclusion that, under existing circumstances, such an application would be inexpedient. As the subject, however, is one of grave importance, I would suggest the appointment of a Special Committee, with full power to act in the matter in such manner as they may deem most conducive to the interests of the Order.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

There are also various other subjects, both of interest and importance, which will claim your attention during the present Session, some of which I can now only briefly allude to. Among these are certain proposed amendments to the Constitution, of which due notice has been given; also, certain matters connected with "Thistle Lodge," Amherstburgh. This subject has already been before the Grand Lodge, and was then referred to the D. D. G. M. for investigation and settlement. The decision of this Officer, however, has been appealed from, and I trust that, before the close of the Session, this matter will be finally disposed of. A memorial has also been presented from certain persons, claiming to be Masons, and expressing an earnest desire to affiliate with this Grand Lodge. This is a subject of great importance, and requires, as it will doubtless receive, your careful attention and consideration. In connection with it I will only say, that while Masonry recognises no distinction either in race, class, religion or color, she does require, and will insist upon, the clearest and most irrefragible

testimony, that all persons claiming either admission to her Lodges or to a recognition as members of the Fraternity, have been regularly initiated, passed, and raised in a duly constituted and properly warranted Lodge. Another matter which, for some time past, has been occupying the minds of many of the Brethren, may be brought up for your consideration during the Session. I allude to the establishment of District Grand Lodges, with powers similar to the Provincial Grand Lodges of England. With reference to this subject I would merely say that, when we consider the great extent of our territorial jurisdiction, should our Lodges continue to increase in the same ratio as they have recently done, such a measure may not only be expedient but necessary. I am in favor of the early establishment of the Provincial or District Grand Lodges, in every Masonic District which contains within its limits a sufficient number of Lodges to authorise such a proceeding. I would suggest, however, that the whole matter be referred to a Special Committee.

GRAND SECRETARY.

I have much pleasure, also, in bearing testimony to the efficiency and zeal with which the duties of the office of Grand Secretary have been discharged during the past year by our R.W. Brother, Thomas B. Harris; whose promptness in correspondence, careful attention to his various duties, and readiness at all times to aid and advance the interests of the Grand Lodge, entitle him not only to this acknowledgement from me, but also to the favorable consideration of the Brethren.

UNION.

The various matters to which I have now directed your attention, although all possessing strong claims upon your notice and consideration, will, I imagine, be considered as only second in importance to the great and engrossing subject which will, at an early period of the Session, be brought up for discussion. I allude to the efforts which have been made to secure a full and perfect *Union of the whole Canadian Craft*. In compliance with the desire of the Grand Lodge, as expressed at our last Annual Meeting, I appointed a Committee to meet a similar Committee from our Brethren who were at that time working under English warrants,

directing their attention to the instructions promulgated by this Grand Lodge for their guidance. It is not my intention at this moment to enter into any detailed account of the various attempts at communication which have taken place upon this subject, but will merely say, that all the documents connected with it are now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and are open to your inspection. I adopt this course, because I am delighted to say that I believe your Committee, acting in strict accordance with the letter and spirit of their instructions, have been met in a similar liberal and Masonic spirit by those Brethren with whom they were appointed to treat, and that a full and perfect understanding has been arrived at; so that, in a few hours, I trust, a union of the whole Canadian Craft—upon satisfactory and honorable terms—will be consummated, and all the Masons of Canada ranged under the banner of this Grand Lodge. I feel that it is unnecessary for me to say how I, aided by many zealous and worthy Brethren of both parties, have labored to effect this great object; nor need I attempt to express here the unbounded pleasure which it will give me—before retiring from the proud position which, by your kind favor, I have so long occupied—to hear that *union* proclaimed within these walls. In the hope that nothing may occur to mar the bright and pleasing prospect, I will now leave you to decide upon the various matters brought before you; and may we now, and at all times, be enabled to discharge with fidelity and zeal the various duties devolving upon us, so that at the close of our day of probation and labor, we may not only escape the degradation and punishment which was heaped upon that careless and unfaithful steward, who could only exclaim, “Lord, here is thy talent laid up in a napkin,” but be able to advance humbly, and with faith and confidence, to our glorious Grand Master, from Him to receive our wages and reward.

WILLIAM M. WILSON,

G. M.

The M. W. Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to read a list of the Lodges to whom Dispensations had been granted during the past year, which was as follows:

St. James'	Lodge.....	St. Mary's Blanshard.
Markham Union	"	Unionville.
Cataraqui	"	Kingston.
Northern Light	"	Kincardine.
St. Mark's	"	Port Stanley.
Sharon	"	Sharon.
Valley	"	Dundas.
Iron Duke	"	Arthur.
Mt. Brydges	"	Mt. Brydges.
Maple Leaf	"	St. Catharines.
St. John's	"	Norwichville.
St. Mark's	"	Drummondville.
Burford	"	Burford.
St. Paul's	"	Lambeth.
Phoenix	"	Guelph.
Blenheim	"	Drumbo.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Br. T. Wilson, and unanimously

RESOLVED :

That the Grand Secretary be directed to issue warrants to all the foregoing Lodges under Dispensation.

The Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, to meet at 3 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sitting at 3.30 o'clock, p. m.

The M. W. Grand Master on the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

On motion of R. W. Br. Kivas Tully, seconded by W. Br. J. Taylor,

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren a Committee to consider the various matters referred to in his address.

R. W. Brs. Tully, Osborne, Simpson, Daniel, and V. W. Br. Henry Grist.

The Grand Secretary read the following letters which he had received during the past year, in answer to certain resolutions adopted at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, which were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

VERGENNES, VT. Sept. 28th, 1857.

R. W. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I duly received your favor of the 2nd inst., accompanied by an elegant copy of a Resolution, passed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada, at its last Annual Convocation, and by the passage of which, that M. W. Grand Body elected me as an honorary member, with the rank of Past Grand Master.

As reasons for the bestowment of this very distinguished honor, your Grand Lodge is pleased to mention my "high masonic standing and character," "my eminent serviees rendered to the cause of Masonry," and "more especially" my "masterly vindication of the Canadian Craft, in organizing the Grand Lodge of Canada."

I accept the exalted honor thus conferred upon me with the deepest sense of gratitude, mingled with a strong conviction that it is one far above any masonic merit which I can justly claim to possess.

I shall place the copy which exhibits the evidence of your partiality and kindness towards me in a suitable frame, and suspend it where it will serve as a perpetual daily memorial, to admonish me of my duties to our beloved order, and to remind me of the gratitude which I must always owe to the Grand Lodge of Canada. I shall leave it also as an heir-loom to my descendants, that they also may never forget to cherish the generous feeling which it must always inspire.

All my humble labors in the masonic cause have been, to me, "labors of love." Recognizing in it a vast system of morality, virtue, benevolence and social intercourse, made practical by its admirable forms and polity, and adapted to enlarge the mind, as well as impress the heart and improve and adorn the character of man; I have endeavoured, as far as I have been able, in my humble sphere, to extend a knowledge of its principles and its merits. The approval with which my efforts have been received, has added very strongly to the happiness of my life.

When the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada first became known to me, my position as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of an adjoining state, made it my duty to examine into its position, and investigate its claims. My Cauadian brethren placed those claims before the fraternity of Vermont with perfect frankness and candour. They relied upon the basis of truth alone. There was no evasion, no shrinking, no withholding of information. All their history, and all their action was boldly and broadly made known, and they freely solicited examination from their brethren, appealing only to masonic laws, history and precedent to justify the course of action they had adopted. In proceeding dispassionately to an examination of the subject, I found their course so overwhelmingly sustained by the strongest and most undoubted Masonic authority that it was wholly impossible for me to avoid the conclusion at which I aimed, and I believe that the mere statement of the facts legitimately bearing upon the subject has convinced most of the intelligent Masonic world as to the right of the matter, as thoroughly as the knowledge

of those facts convinced myself. As to the few who yet profess to be unconvinced, I think the discussion has "so narrowed the ground of controversy, that it is reduced to a mere hair-line, of such fineness as to require the nicest sort of metaphysical eye-glasses to discern any room for further difference of opinion." The day of Elizabethian high-commission Courts has passed away, and it will hardly do now for a few men to assume that they alone are invested with power to shut out or expel from brotherhood all those whose opinions do not conform to their own.

I am most happy at knowing the high success which has attended your Grand Lodge, and anticipate the high gratification of mingling hereafter with my worthy Canadian brethren upon its tasseled pavement.

Be pleased to make known to your Grand Lodge the high regard and esteem which I feel for its Grand Master, Grand Officers and brethren, and accept personally my warm thanks for the kind manner in which you have communicated its action to me.

I have the honor to be,

Right Worshipful Sir,

Most truly and fraternally Yours,

PHILIP C. TUCKER.

DETROIT, Sept. 30th, 1857.

Thos. B. Harris, Esq., G. Secretary, &c.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Your note of the 2nd instant, enclosing the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was duly received, during my temporary absence, or it would have been sooner acknowledged.

In the services rendered by me to your Grand Lodge, I recognize an imperative duty from which I should dare not have shrunk, however much inclined, had it not (as was the fact) been mingled with the richest pleasure.

It is therefore with the deeper gratitude that I acknowledge the unmerited honor conferred on me by your Grand Body, in their acknowledgment of those services, from which, if I had shrunk, I should have justly felt to reproach myself as derelict to the fundamental principles of our time-honored institution. My dear Sir, my humble prayer is, that I may be found worthy the great distinction your Grand Body has by its action conferred upon me—which may God grant.

The evidence of that distinction in the resolution transmitted by you, I shall, to the latest hour of my existence cherish, as a rich memento of fraternal regard, and transmit it to my offspring as a proud memorial of paternal merit.

For yourself, my dear sir, be pleased to accept my sentiments of the highest esteem, and to your Grand Body be pleased to communicate my sentiments of profound gratitude for the distinguished honor conferred on me by them, and may God grant that we may all share largely in the common benefit of our time-honored institution to the perseveringly faithful.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

H. T. BACKUS.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, NORTH MUNSTER,
LIMERICK, September 14th, 1857. }

*For the R. W. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary of R. W. Grand Lodge
of Canada.*

R. W. SIR.—MY DEAR BROTHER,

I have to acknowledge the receipt, by this post, of your esteemed favor of the 31st ultimo, together with the Diploma of District Deputy Grand Master, under the puissance of the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It is extremely flattering to enjoy the good opinion and confidence of my brethren so far distant. I most fully appreciate the distinction, and accept the trust, resolved by fealty and attention to the best interests of your R. W. Grand Lodge, to prove worthy.

I am quite confident that on the 1st October, (the next sitting of our Grand Lodge,) a full and fraternal response will be accorded to the important communications from your Grand Lodge, to whom I request of you, to present the best thanks, kind respects and warm attachment of

Your very faithful Brother,

M. FURNELL.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL,
DUBLIN, September 9th, 1857. }

DEAR SIR & R. W. BRO.

This morning I have had the honor of receiving your favor of 27th August, together with the communication from the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada, dated 20th February last, as also the Diploma, appointing our most excellent R. W. Br. M. Furnell, their representative at this Grand Lodge. These several documents I shall duly present to Grand Lodge at its next monthly meeting, on Thursday the 1st day of October next.

With sentiments of fraternal regards, and earnest desire for the prosperity of the order, both at home and abroad,

I am, Dear Sir and R. W. Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

LUCIUS H. DEERING.

JOHN OSBORNE, Esq.,
R. W. G. Secretary, G. L. Canada, Hamilton, C. W.

A memorial was read from W. Br. Joseph Cornick, now in the decline of life, being upwards of seventy years old, and has been nearly fifty years a contributing member to some regular Lodge, recommended by several Masters and Past Masters of various Lodges, as a worthy object for benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Scott, seconded by V. W. Bro. T. Duggan, and adopted,

That the Memorial be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Read a letter of the 9th April, from R. W. Br. J. H. Isaacson, D. D. G. M. for the Montreal District, containing charges of unmasonic conduct against R. W. Br. A. Bernard, P. D. G. M.

Read also a petition of remonstrance in reply thereto from the R. W. Br. Bernard.

On motion the consideration of the subject was referred to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals.

The following letter from L. H. Deering, Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, containing a warrant appointing R. W. Br. Kivas Tully as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, at the Grand Lodge of Canada, was placed in the hands of the M. W. Grand Master, which was read :—

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL, }
DUBLIN, November 17th, 1857. }

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER,

I had the honor of laying before the Grand Lodge of Ireland, at its last meeting, the 5th inst., the communication received through you from the Grand Lodge of Canada, dated 20th Feb. 1857, informing the Grand Lodge of Ireland, that they had been pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. Michael Furnell, Prov. G. Master of North Munster, their representative at this Grand Lodge, and desiring that the Grand Lodge of Ireland would be pleased to make a similar appointment at your Grand Lodge.

I have now the pleasure of informing the Grand Lodge of Canada, that the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on Monday, the 5th day of November, 1857, with a desire to strengthen the bonds of Masonic union between the two Grand Lodges, did confirm the appointment of R. W. Br. M. Furnell, and handed to him his Diploma as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the Grand Lodge of Ireland; and also directed a Diploma to be forwarded to you, in favor of V. W. Br. Kivas Tully, P. M. of King Solomon's Lodge, appointing him the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at the Grand Lodge of Canada, with the rank of a Past Senior Grand Warden. I have also to inform you there has been (by direction of Grand Lodge) a full dress collar, apron, and jewel, sent to him; and I now enclose to your care his Diploma, which, on his appointment being confirmed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, you will please have transmitted to him.

With fraternal regards, believe me yours sincerely,

LUCIUS H. DEERING,
Dep. Grand Secretary.

JOHN OSBORNE, Esq.,
R. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada,
Hamilton, C.W.

The M.W. Grand Master was pleased to approve, and, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, to confirm the appointment, and at once handed the Warrant to R. W. Br. Kivas Tully, who was

received and acknowledged as the Representative of the G. L. of Ireland, with the usual grand honors.

The Grand Secretary read the following Report of the D.D.G.M. for the Central District :—

REPORT.

CENTRAL DISTRICT,
Brockville, 28th June, 1858. }

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—

I have the honor to report, that during the past year I have visited all the Lodges within my District, and have derived much satisfaction from the healthy and progressive state in which I have generally found the Order, most of the Lodges having materially increased their Members. On referring to the Minute Books of the various Lodges, I find they stand as follows :— “St. James’s Lodge,” of Maitland, one initiation ; “Rising Sun Lodge,” Farmersville, nine initiated and joined ; “Prince Edward Lodge,” Picton, nine initiated and joined, two withdrawn ; “Cataraqui Lodge,” twenty-five initiated and joined ; “Sussex Lodge,” seven initiated and joined, one death, two withdrawn, and two suspended for non-payment of dues, namely, Br. Huddleston and Br. Fulford ;—and to the case of the latter I beg more particularly to draw your attention. Br. Fulford, after having been repeatedly called upon to pay up his dues, was at length formally notified by the Secretary in writing, that unless he at once complied with the By-Laws of the Lodge he would be suspended ; and he still neglecting to do so, the Lodge, at its next regular Communication, inflicted that penalty upon him of which he was formally notified. Notwithstanding this, Br. Fulford presumed to visit “Rising Sun Lodge,” of which he was also a Member ; and on my pointing out to him the impropriety of his conduct, he begged leave to refer the matter to the Grand Lodge, as he did not think that suspension in one Lodge should deprive him of the right of visiting another of which he was a Member. And I now lay this matter before your Worshipful Body for your serious consideration ; at the same time pointing this out as one of the injurious effects arising from Brethren being permitted

to be Members of more than one Lodge at a time. Of course I censured "Rising Sun Lodge" for admitting Br. Fulford, as, in my opinion, such conduct could not be for a moment sanctioned.

Another case of suspension, to which I beg leave most respectfully to call your attention, and upon which your Worshipful Body will be called upon to take action, is, that of Br. F. L. Lothrop, a non-affiliating Brother, and one who disclaims the authority of your Most Worshipful body. Certain charges were brought against Br. Lothrop in "Sussex Lodge," which are fully entered into in a copy of the Minutes of that Lodge now in the hands of the R. W. the Grand Secretary. Br. Lothrop having been called upon to refute those charges, and, although answering the summons, proving unable to do so, he was formally suspended, and a motion passed recommending your Most Worshipful Body to expel him from the Order—which sentence I fully concurred in. Whilst, however, approving Br. Lathrop's expulsion, I nevertheless recommend that he only be expelled until such time as he makes restitution to those Brethren whom he has injured.

I have had occasion to censure two Lodges for irregularities which have come under my notice. One, and perhaps the gravest, that of a person having been balloted for in the "Rising Sun" Lodge, immediately after his having been rejected by "Sussex" Lodge, and consequently in direct violation of clause No. 6, page 49, of the Constitution. This circumstance having fortunately, however, come to my ears before the party was initiated, I immediately wrote to the Master of the Lodge, and directed that all further proceedings should be stayed. At the expiration of six months, this party was again balloted for, accepted, and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which was also in violation of clause No. 2, p. 47, and again called forth my censure. As, however, on investigating the matter, I was convinced that the error was committed in ignorance, I refrained from taking any other action than pointing out the impropriety of such a course, and which I am sure will not again occur.

Two other irregularities which I feel it my duty to bring under your notice, are—First, that which Prince Edward Lodge has fallen into, viz: of opening upon the third degree without having gone through the two previous ones, and also of following the

American practice of transacting the business of the Lodge in that degree, which is inconsistent with our constitution. The second, that of candidates having been received into Rising-Sun Lodge, they paying their initiation fees by instalments on receiving each degree, contrary to Clause No. 12, p. 37. With these exceptions, the several Lodges within my District have conducted themselves to my perfect satisfaction, and I beg leave to take this opportunity of tendering to them my sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy which I have invariably received from them, more particularly Prince Edward and Cataraqui Lodges.

It has pleased the G. A. O. T. U., during the past year, to take unto himself E. M. Chase, an old and much respected Brother, who was one of the first members, and for a length of time Treasurer of Sussex Lodge. He was carried to his last resting place by the Brethren of the Order, and there resigned to his mother earth with the usual Masonic Ceremonies.

Invitation having been sent to myself and the Officers and Brethren of Sussex and Rising-Sun Lodges, from Oswagatchia Lodge, Ogdensburg, State of New York, to attend a Masonic celebration on St. John's day, the 24th of June, we proceeded there on the morning of that day, in our Masonic clothing, and were received by our brethren in the warmest and most enthusiastic manner.

The healths of our Queen, our G. M., the Brethren of Canada, were drank at their banquet in a manner which was peculiarly grateful to the hearts of the Canadian fraternity, evidently showing that if the Grand Lodge of the State of New York is slow to recognize us, the hearts of her children nevertheless beat in unison with ours.

All of which I have the honor to submit,

W. B. SIMPSON.

D.D.G.M.

On motion of W. Br. H. B. Bull, seconded by R. W. Br. F. J. Lundy, the report was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The Report from the D. D. G. M., for the London District, was read.

REPORT.

LONDON, C. W., 3rd July, 1858.

To T. B. Harris, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada.

Rt. W. SIR & BR.

I have the honour to transmit to you for the information of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a circumstantial account of my proceedings as D. D. G. M., for the London District.

In pursuance of the personal request of the M. W. G. Master I proceeded to Amherstburgh on the 17th August, 1857, to investigate sundry charges preferred by Thistle Lodge, against Brs. Dewson, Forbes, Hutton,* and John Duncan, all for non-payment of dues, and Br. Dewson also for not accounting for money paid him on account of Thistle Lodge, whilst Secretary.

The Lodge and Brethren having been duly summoned I met the Lodge at Amherstburgh, on the evening of the 18th, but none of the Brethren complained against were present. The Lodge charged Br. Dewson with having received as fees and dues the sum of £235 10s. 6d., and only having paid to the Treasurer £115 2s. 5d., leaving a deficiency of £120 8s. 1d., which was supported by an abstract prepared from the Books of the Lodge.

Br. Dewson replies, by letter, that the charges are unfounded, that he has no money in his hands belonging to the Lodge; what he had he paid to Br. McLeod, the W. Master, and took his receipt for it, which receipt he gave to Br. Minzes, (now dead,) the Secretary for 1852.

2nd. That as to non-payment of dues he says he was to be paid for being Secretary.

3rd. That no copy of charges was sent to him, as provided by Con., Art. 25, p. 29.

4th. That a Receipt for £36 16s. 5d., was not accounted for by the Lodge in abstract.

5th. That if the Ledger of the Lodge were produced, he could prove that he was not a defaulter.

* Hutton was reported in error.

On investigating these charges I find the Lodge produces an abstract, shewing the deficiency as above stated, but Br. Dewson proves, by receipt transmitted in a letter to the Lodge, that £36 16s. 5d., had not been accounted for in the abstract —the same letter also shows that Br. Dewson had received a summons, but refused to attend. Br. Dewson produces another receipt from the late Br. Minzes, acknowledging that he had received sundry receipts, amounting in all to £36 16s. 5d., which I enclose herewith. The main proof on both sides, appears to rest on the production of the Ledger, by which Br. Dewson says he can prove he is not a defaulter; I requested the Lodge to produce this book, but they said it was lost. Under these circumstances I cannot recommend to this Grand Lodge to expel Br. Dewson, as is the wish of Thistle Lodge, until the Lodge produces the Ledger, that Br. Dewson may have a fair opportunity of proving his innocence or otherwise—but I confirmed the suspension from Thistle Lodge, until some action be taken by this Grand Lodge.

Next I heard the charges of Thistle Lodge against Brs. Forbes and John Duncan for non-payment of dues, neither of these Brethren being present there was no defence, I therefore confirmed their suspension from Thistle Lodge until their dues be settled, which is the utmost punishment the Constitution of this Grand Lodge contemplates, for at page 39, Art. 26, it is stated “A member excluded for non-payment of dues, *shall* be immediately restored by the *Lodge*, on payment being satisfactorily made, notice thereof being given to the G. Secretary, and D. D. G. Master.” But Thistle Lodge wishes to go beyond this, and have these Brethren expelled or excluded, by Grand Lodge, from all Lodges. This, the Lodge, it appears, by their appeal, wished me to do, but I considered it entirely beyond my power.

On the following day I attended the Great Western Lodge at Windsor, and heard the complaint of Lodge against P. M. Br. Alex. Gordon, viz: for withholding money belonging to the Lodge, for which he was excluded from Great Western Lodge, 16th July. 1857. Br. Gordon did not attend to answer this charge in person, but wrote me a long letter acknowledging that he had given his note to the Lodge, promising to pay when convenient,

for money that he had been robbed of—that he was poor and not able to pay. But he states that he does not acknowledge either the authority of the Lodge or mine, as he is a Past Grand Officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and responsible to that body alone—that he is not and never was a Member of the present Great Western Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. This statement of Br. Gordon's, the Great Western Lodge is prepared to prove, by documents under his own hand, to be wholly unfounded. He, therefore, stands suspended from the Great Western Lodge. It remains for this Grand Lodge to take further action or not, and to decide whether it can lawfully take cognizance of matters which occurred under another jurisdiction, as was the case with most of the above transactions.

In my inquiry into these charges, I find an anomaly which requires correction, viz: that whilst Great Western Lodge excludes Br. Gordon for withholding money belonging to it, and writing to the Brantford Lodge to prevent Br. Gordon becoming a member of it, the Great Western Lodge admits Br. Dewson, and others, defaulters, to the Thistle Lodge, at Amherstburg.

On the 24th August I went to St. Mary's and heard the charge of St. James' Lodge against their W. Master, viz: for being one hour absent from Lodge meeting, and when he did come, rushed past the Tyler without the usual formality, and entered the Lodge in an uproarious manner highly unbecoming a Mason. The W. Master had left this country for the United States, but defended himself by letter, stating that he was detained by business and bad weather, and that he considered a Lodge was not formed, as four Brethren could not open a Lodge. The W. Master having left the country, it only remained for me to caution the Brethren not to open an Entered Apprentice Lodge again, with a less number than seven Brethren. The Lodge having neither Master nor P. Master, the work of the Lodge was entirely suspended, therefore the Dispensation was returned to the Grand Secretary, and a new one taken out under another Master—Doctor O'Reilly, late S. Warden. On the 26th October, I returned to St. Mary's and installed the new Master and Officers.

On the 7th September I went to Clinton, pursuant to a Warrant from the M.W.G. Master, and installed the Officers of Clinton Lodge.

On the 24th September, I went to Strathroy, and installed the Officers of Beaver Lodge—another new Lodge.

23rd January, accompanied the M.W.G.M. to Delaware, and assisted to consecrate St. John's Lodge.

On the 17th February, 1858, I attended the Committee on Ritual, at Hamilton.

8th May, attended Union Committee at Hamilton.

13th May, installed the Officers of Mount Brydges Lodge, at Mount Brydges.

11th June, attended again the Union Committee at Hamilton.

17th and 18th June, visited St. Mark's Lodge at Port Stanley, and St. Thomas Lodge, at St. Thomas.

23rd June, went to Windsor on summons, and assisted the M.W.G.M. to consecrate the Great Western Lodge.

I have yet two Lodges to visit, one of which I hope to see before the meeting of Grand Lodge. The other, at Kincardine, I must defer to some other opportunity, it being too far in the back woods to reach at present.

The state of Masonry in this District is flourishing beyond expectation. Five new Dispensations have been issued to form new Lodges, and as many Brethren have been added to the Craft as could be desired.

I am glad to have it in my power to report that the Lodges in general work well according to the system they follow; but I am sorry to say that there is no uniformity of work, scarcely any two Lodges working alike. This is a state of things much to be regretted, and it is hoped that this Grand Lodge will not separate without ordering some one system to be followed by all Lodges, in which the Grand Secretary and D.D.G. Masters should be perfectly posted up, that they may be enabled to explain to enquiring Brethren what it is.

One of the alterations to the Constitution, proposed in the printed Circular, is the formation of District Grand Lodges, held quarterly at different places. If adopted, it might be made one of

the best means of bringing about a uniformity of work; for at each meeting, the D. D. G. M. might initiate, pass, and raise a Candidate or go through the ceremony. Thus the Masters and Wardens of every Lodge would have an opportunity of acquiring the mode of working established by this Grand Lodge. Next would be a paid Lecturer; but the funds of this Grand Lodge will not, I understand, admit of such an outlay.

In performing my Masonic duties, I may remark, that on completing this journey, I shall have travel'ed over 1,500 miles, at a large expense of time and means; but this labor has been sweetened by the kind and fraternal welcome I have every where met from the Brethren of the Lodges I have visited; and I take this opportunity of returning them my sincere thanks for the hospitable manner I have been received.

All which I respectfully submit.

THOMPSON WILSON,

D.D.G.M. London District.

On motion of W. Br. Duncan, seconded by W. Br. G. W. Malloch, the Report was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The Report from the D. D. G. M. for the Eastern Townships' District, was read.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In February last, I commenced my tour for visiting the Lodges in this District, but, in consequence of the roads becoming impassible, I succeeded in visiting only two, and a subsequent illness prevented a renewal of the attempt. On my convalescence in June, the preparations and arrangements for our mountain celebration (on the Owl's Head Mountain) of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, required all the feeble assistance I was able to afford; and on Wednesday of the succeeding week, the laying of the corner-stone of the Episcopal Church at Stanstead, rendered it impracticable for me to give due notice, and meet with Nelson, Prevost, and Shefford Lodges, in season to report to this Communication. I have not, however, been indifferent or remained

inattentive to the interests of the fraternity in this District. I have enquired of Members, and learned the proceedings of their respective Lodges.

"Prevost Lodge," Dunham, has obtained a creditable standing, and appears to be permanently advancing the interests of the Craft, with all the advantages to be derived from talent and respectability amongst its Members.

"Shefford Lodge," Waterloo, is tranquilly and securely progressing. Its Members are not yet numerous, but I trust that by regular deportment and cautious steps, they will eventually attain to eminence.

An unhappy dissension existing between two Brethren of the two last named Lodges, namely, W. Br. David Brown and W. Br. Luke Robinson. The influence these Brethren exercise in their respective Lodges, their conspicuous position in society, and the attachment of each Lodge to its own Principal, render it essential that this unmasonic disaffection should be speedily terminated.

"Saint Francis Lodge," Melbourne, having overcome some formerly existing obstruction to its advancement, is now assuming a more elevated position. It appears to combine sufficient wealth, talent and zeal to ensure high Masonic attainments.

"Victoria Lodge," Sherbrooke, is conveniently situated to become, under wise and prudent management, one of the most flourishing Lodges in this District. The business of the Lodge appears to be well conducted by able and skilful craftsmen, indicating their course to be onward and upward; and I trust we shall soon see them mounting the upper rounds of the great Masonic ladder.

"Golden Rule Lodge," Stanstead, after a long time of extreme patience and continued perseverance has accomplished much, while much more remains yet to be done. It has attained a high standing in the estimation of the wise, the prudent and influential. Brs. George R. Holmes and Wm. Breadon, two Master Masons and Members of this Lodge, were, on the 22nd of June last, suspended indefinitely for unmasonic conduct. Br. Joseph Brown, formerly a Member of this Lodge and a Master Mason, having been for some years suspended and not improved thereby, (being an inebriate) I would recommend to be expelled.

The romantic celebration at the Owl's Head, referred to in the commencement of this Report, on the 24th, was numerously attended by representatives from all the Lodges in the neighborhood. A Lodge was opened in the Grand Ravine, near the summit of the mountain, at 2,400 feet elevation. Guards were stationed on the adjoining watch towers, and a Mr. Alexander Murray was there initiated into the mysteries of Masonry—giving him a Masonic origin which few, if any, in modern times can boast. The festivities of this interesting day closed at the Mountain House, beside the still waters of Lake Memphremagog, with an appropriate Masonic Address, delivered by the Rev. Eli Ballou, G. C. of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont. A Masonic banquet prepared for the occasion terminated most harmoniously.

The laying of the corner-stone of the Episcopal Church at Stanstead, on the 30th June, by the Rev. J. Scott, the D. G. M., was performed to the satisfaction of all present. The Municipal Authorities and a numerous concourse of ladies and gentlemen assembled on the occasion, and listened attentively to the D. G. M.'s elaborate and improving discourse.

The pleasurable sensations accompanying the exercises of these two memorable days have awakened friendly emotions, and elicited kind expression of feeling from men whose influence give tone to public sentiment, thereby demonstrating that our fraternal labors have not been in vain nor our time spent for naught.

ELISHA GUSTIN, *D. D. G. M.*

Eastern Townships' District.

STANSTEAD, 5th July, 1858.

On motion of W. Br. Hardy, seconded by W. Br. Pardey, the Report was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The Report from the D.D.G.M. for Montreal District was read.

REPORT.

To R. W. Br. T. B. HARRIS, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of Canada.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—

In accordance with the Constitutional Rule of Grand Lodge, I beg leave most respectfully herewith to forward to you, for the information of Grand Lodge, a brief though circumstantial account of my official proceedings, and of the state of Masonry within the limits of my District.

The District of Montreal, over which I have the honor to preside, contains within its limits five Lodges which acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, namely, "The Lodge of Antiquity;" "St. George's Lodge," No. 13; "Zetland Lodge," No. 15; (Montreal) "St. Andrew's Lodge," No. 12; (St. Andrews) and "Hoyle Lodge," No. 29, (Lacolle.) All these, with the single exception of the last named, I have, during the past year, visited in my official capacity.

In order to make this Report as reliable as possible, on the 3rd of June last, I addressed to the aforesigned Lodges an official circular, requesting from the W. M. of each, a statement of the work done during my year of office by his particular Lodge. To this circular I have been favored with replies only from "Lodge of Antiquity," "Zetland" and "Hoyle" Lodges; which replies, if not exhibiting the progress of those Lodges as flattering as I could wish, shewed at the least no diminution in the respectability or numbers of Membership, and no falling off in pecuniary matters.

"St. George's" and "St. Andrew's" Lodges, up to the present, have not had the courtesy to notice my communication; consequently I am unable to speak with any degree of certainty as to their position.

The Lodge "Jacques Cartier," reported by my worthy predecessor, R. W. Br. P. D. Brown, as having shewn, during his term of office, but small signs of animation, is now, to all intents and purposes, defunct; and I take the liberty of respectfully

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suggesting to Grand Lodge the propriety of, without delay, calling in the warrant granted to that Lodge, and of obtaining the property, if any there be, which belongs to it.

I have the honor to be,

R. W. Sir and Dear Brother,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN HELDER ISAACSON,

D.D.G.M. Dist. Montreal.

MONTRÉAL,
30th June, 1858. }

On motion, the Report was received and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The following Letter and Resolution, from the "Lodge of Antiquity," was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.
Montreal, 24th November, 1857. }

T.B. Harris, Esq., Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Canada.

R. W. SIR & BROTHER,

I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Sept., enclosing Resolution unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge at its meeting held at this City in July last, viz: "That the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues No. 1, R. C., shall henceforth be called the Lodge of Antiquity, wear Gold instead of Silver Jewels, and take precedence of all numbered Lodges," both of which were read at our regular meetings held in October and the present month. The W. M., was requested through his Secretary, to tender the Grand Lodge the best thanks of this Lodge, for the high honor and distinction conferred on them, in changing the name of this Lodge to the Lodge of Antiquity, &c., &c.

By command,

I have the honor to be,

R. W. Sir & Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

R. A. MALCOLM,

Sec'y. L. of A.

R. W. Br. W. C. Stephens, as Chairman of the Committee on Union, presented and read the following

REPORT

On the steps that had been taken since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of arranging an Union of all the Craft in Canada under one Grand Lodge:

In conformity with a resolution of Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication at Montreal, on the 8th day of July, 5857, the M. W. Grand Master appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West. The Committees met at Toronto on the 5th day of August, 5857, and the following are Minutes of their proceedings :—

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committees appointed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, held at the Masonic Hall, Toronto, August the 5th, 1857.

PRESENT.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada. *On behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West.*

R. W. Br. C. STEPHENS,	V. W. Br. HARMAN,
" " W. B. SIMPSON,	R. W. Br. HARRINGTON,
" " G. L. ALLEN,	V. W. Br. WHITEHEAD,
" " JAMES DANIEL,	" " HARDING,
" " KIVAS TULLY,	" " CUMBERLAND,
" " THOMAS B. HARRIS.	" " BARRON;
	" " RICHARDSON.

Br. W. C. Stephens was requested to take the Chair, and Br. S. B. Harman the Vice-Chair.

Br. Harris was requested to act as Secretary on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Br. Richardson on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Br. Richardson read the following Resolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge :

Copy of Resolution adopted at the Half-Yearly Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, holden at Toronto, on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 1857.

RESOLVED,—

“That the interests of Masonry require that perfect unity of the craft should be restored and maintained throughout the Province.”

That the Provincial Grand Lodge, being actuated by the spirit of the foregoing Resolution, and accepting an intimation of an anxious desire on the part of the Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada,

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for an union with those composing the Provincial Grand Lodge, with a view to the restoration of perfect unity amongst Freemasons in Canada,—

RESOLVED,—

“That the Committee appointed on the 23rd October, 1856, be re-appointed, with power to take such measures as they may consider necessary and expedient to effect such unity, and to meet any Committee appointed for a like purpose by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and with them to negociate preliminary terms on which such re-union may be accomplished and consolidated, reporting at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.”

A true Copy.

(Signed,) FRANCIS RICHARDSON, G. S.

Br. Harris read the following Resolution of the Grand Lodge of Canada :

Copy of a Resolution adopted at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held at the City of Montreal, commencing the 8th day of July, 1857.

It was on Motion RESOLVED,—

“That the M. W. Grand Master appoint a Committee to negociate an union with the Provincial Grand Lodge, and that it be an instruction to that Committee, that they entertain no proposition not based on an entire independence of Freemasonry in Canada, nor any implication upon the constitutionality or correctness of the present position of this Grand Lodge, but that on all other points it is the desire of the Grand Lodge to meet them on a footing best calculated to bring about the union they so much desire.”

“The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the following as a Committee to confer with the Committee named in the Circular of the Provincial Grand Lodge, bearing date the 23rd day of October, 1856.”

R. W. BR. A. BERNARD,
“ “ GEO. L. ALLEN,
“ “ W. C. STEPHENS,
“ “ JAS. DANIEL,

R. W. BR. THOS. B. HARRIS,
“ “ W. B. SIMPSON,
“ “ KIVAS TULLY.

A true Extract,

(Signed,) THOS. B. HARRIS, G. S.

It was proposed by Br. Harman, seconded by Br. Simpson, and unanimously adopted,—

“That the proceedings of this meeting be considered as without prejudice to the respective Committees, or the bodies represented by them, should their negociation fail.”

On motion of Br. Allen, seconded by Br. Whitehead, it was unanimously resolved,—

"That unity being the first grand and fundamental principle of Freemasonry, the more widely that principle will admit of practical application in the government of the Craft, the better will the interests of Masonry be served.—It is therefore the opinion of this meeting that a union of the whole Masonic Fraternity in Canada, under one Grand Lodge, will best promote the interests of all the Freemasons of Canada."

It was moved by Br. Cumberland, seconded by Br. Tully, and carried unanimously,—

"That in view of the terms of authority under which this meeting is held, no question of constitutionality as affecting either body be discussed, but that both bodies meet as equals, and in a spirit of mutual and generous conciliation for the good of Masonry.

It was moved by Br. Barron,—

"That the precedents given by Preston in his record of the union of the two Grand Lodges of England appear to be peculiarly applicable for the union now under negotiation, and accordingly that such precedents both in regard to the articles of union and the form of procedure, be adopted, under such adaptation as may be necessary."

The consideration of this Resolution was deferred, whilst,

On the motion Br. Barron, the proposed Articles of Union were read.

The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada then requested an adjournment, to afford them an opportunity of considering the said draft of proposed Articles of Union.

The Meeting adjourned till $2\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M.

On re-assembling, the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada returned the draft of proposed Articles of Union, with their suggested amendments, as follow :—

ARTICLES OF UNION PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF
THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

ARTICLE I.—There shall be, from and after the — next ensuing, a full, perfect, and perpetual union of and between the *two fraternities* of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, *above described*, so as that, in all time hereafter, *they* shall form and constitute but one brotherhood, and that the said community shall be represented in one Grand Lodge, *to be solemnly formed, constituted, and held on the said — next ensuing, and from thenceforward forever.*

AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED BY
THE COMMITTEE OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Insert date 9th July, 1858.
Strike out the word *two*,
and make fraternities
fraternity.
Strike out *above described*.
For *they*, read *it*.
Strike out from *to be solemnly to next ensuing*,
and read "from and after the 9th July, 1858,
and from thenceforward for ever."

ARTICLE II.—There shall be the most perfect unity of obligation, of discipline, of working the Lodges, of making, passing and raising, instructing, and clothing Brothers; so that one pure, unsullied system, according to the genuine landmarks, laws, and traditions of the Craft, shall be maintained, upheld, and practiced from the day and date of the said Union, until time shall be no more.

Agreed to.

ARTICLE III.—To prevent all controversy or dispute as to the genuine and pure obligations, forms, rules, and ancient traditions of Masonry, and further to unite and bind the whole fraternity of Masons in one indissoluble bond, it is agreed that the obligations and forms that have, from time immemorial been established, used, and practiced in the Craft, shall be recognised, accepted, and taken by the Members of *both* fraternities as the pure and genuine obligations and forms by which the *united* Grand Lodges of Canada shall be bound, and for the purpose of receiving and communicating due light; and, settling this uniformity of regulation and instruction, it is further agreed that brotherly application be made to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, from whom we hail, to communicate in such a manner as the said Grand Lodges may deem most fitting to the pure obligations, forms, rules, and ancient traditions of Masonry.

For *both*, read *the*; and for fraternities, *fraternity*.

Strike out *united*.

Strike out all after the words *shall be bound*.

ARTICLE IV.—For the purpose of establishing and securing *this* perfect uniformity in all the warranted Lodges, it is agreed, that as soon as these presents shall have received the sanction of the respective Grand Lodges, the *Two* Grand Masters shall appoint each—worthy and expert Master-Masons, or past Masters of their respective Fraternities, a committee to examine and compare the several rituals of the aforesaid Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, and to select therefrom such as may seem to the said Committee to contain the obligations, forms, rules and ancient traditions of Masonry in the most pure and genuine form,—which selected ritual shall be presented for the examination and approval of the United Grand Lodge, at an especial meeting to be holden for that purpose.

Omit this article.

The Grand Lodge has the power to regulate all such matters.

ARTICLE V.—On the——being the day appointed for the assembly and union of both fraternities, the members shall forthwith proceed to the election of a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, and Grand Secretary, for the year ensuing, and to prevent delay the brother

Omit this article.

The Election to take place as provided by the Constitution of the G. Lodge of Canada, Art. 2, p. 14, large copy, as follows:

so elected to the office of Grand Master, shall forthwith be obligated *pro tempore*, that the Grand Lodge may be formed. The said Grand Master shall then appoint the remaining officers hereinafter mentioned, and the Grand Incorporated Lodge shall then be opened in ample form, under the style and title of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of Canada.

"The officers of the G. Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed."

ARTICLE VI.—The united Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of Canada, shall be composed in the following manner as a just and perfect representation of the whole Masonic fraternity of Canada, that is to say, of

The Grand Master.
 Past Grand Masters.
 Deputy Grand Master.
 Past Deputy Grand Masters.
 District Grand Masters.
 Past District Grand Masters.
 Grand Wardens.
 Past Grand Wardens.
 Grand Chaplain.
 Past Grand Chaplains.
 Grand Treasurer.
 Past Grand Treasurers.
 Grand Registrar.
 Past Grand Registrars.
 Grand Secretary.
 Past Grand Secretaries.
 Grand Deacons.
 Past Grand Deacons.
 Grand S. of Works.
 Grand D. of Ceremonies.
 Assistant Grand D. of Ceremonies.
 Grand Sword Bearer.
 Grand Organist.
 Grand Pursuivant.
 Grand Stewards.
 The Masters and Wardens of every Lodge.
 Past Masters of Lodges, who have regularly served and passed the Chair, and who have continued without secession regular contributing members of a *Warranted Lodge*.

Omit all this.
 Provided for in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

All Grand Officers in the said respective Grand Lodges shall retain and hold the rank and privilege in the United Grand Lodge as Past Grand Officers, including the present Grand and Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplains, Grand Treasurers, Grand Registrars, Grand Secretaries, and Grand Deacons, in their

Omit all to the words *Warranted Lodge*, and then read,—

All the Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges shall retain and hold the rank and privileges in the Grand Lodge, as Past Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Masters, to hold

several degrees, according to the seniority of their respective appointments.

rank as Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Deputy Provincial G. Masters to hold rank as Past District Deputy Grand Masters, all other Officers to be Past Officers, corresponding with their present rank.

ARTICLE VII.—The United Grand Lodge being now duly constituted, the first proceeding, after solemn prayer, shall be to read and proclaim the Act of Union, duly executed and sealed with the seals of the two Grand Lodges; after which, the same shall be solemnly accepted by the Members present. A day shall be then appointed for the installation of the Grand Officers, with due solemnity, upon which the Grand Master shall, in open Lodge, with his own hand, affix the new great seal to the said instrument, which shall be deposited in the archives of the united Grand Lodge, and to be the bond of union among the Masons of the united Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Lodges dependent thereon, until time shall be no more. The said new great seal shall be made for the occasion, and shall be composed out of both the great seals now in use, after which the present two great seals shall be broken and defaced, and the new seal shall be alone used in all warrants, certificates, and other documents to be used thereafter.

ARTICLE VIII.—All private Lodges which shall—at or within the space of three months of the formation of the united Grand Lodge of Canada—declare their allegiance to the said Grand Lodge, shall be registered and numbered in the books of the Grand Lodge, according to seniority, this being determined by the dates of their respective original warrants, (or dispensations, if acting under dispensations) but should any Lodge neglect to make such declaration of allegiance before the expiration of the said period of three months, they, together with all Lodges now dormant, shall, on applying to be placed on the roll of the Grand Lodge, take rank after all Lodges registered at the time of the union or within the prescribed time thereof, notwithstanding the numbers on which they now stand in the respective roll.

Omit all this.

Omit *at or within*, to *G. Lodge of Canada*, and insert *on or before the 9th day of July, 1858*.
Omit from *expiration* to *three months*, and insert *the said 9th day of July, 1858*.

Omit from *the time of to thereof*, and insert *from the said 9th day of July, 1858*.

The Committee of the G. Lodge of Canada explained that the oldest Lodge under their jurisdiction, dating its formation in the year 1752, was now denominated the Lodge of Antiquity, and taken off the roll of numbers, leaving No. 1 vacant.

ARTICLE IX.—All the property of the said two Fraternities, whether funded, real, or personal, shall become the property of the united Grand Lodge of Canada, and all monies due to the two Grand Lodges by the private Lodges under their jurisdictions prior to, and at the time of the union shall be paid by the said private Lodges to the united Grand Lodge, within three months from the date of the union, under pain of forfeiting their respective warrants.

ARTICLE X.—The funds appropriated to the objects of Masonic benevolence shall not be infringed on for any purpose, but shall be kept strictly and solemnly devoted to charity, and pains shall be taken to increase the same.

ARTICLE XI.—In order that the proceedings on the day of the general assembly and re-union of the two Fraternities may be conducted in the solemn and impressive manner which so important an occasion imperatively demands, it is agreed that the Committees of the two Fraternities appointed to negotiate and arrange the terms of union, shall be further directed and empowered to arrange and settle the order of proceeding, to be observed on the most auspicious occasion, taking as their guide, as far as circumstances will permit, the ceremonies observed by the two Grand Lodges of England at their union, as described in Preston's history of Masonry.

The Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on re-considering the suggestions, presented the following Memorandum.

"That inasmuch as the counter proposition now received from the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada, simply amounts to the Provincial Grand Lodge being admitted into the Grand Lodge of Canada at its next regular Annual Communication, rather than the fusion of the now existing separate bodies, this Committee regrets its inability to assent to any resolution not bearing on the face of it perfect equality and masonic rank on both sides, and thus preservative of the dignity of both bodies here represented."

Whereupon, after consideration, the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada submitted the following proposition,—

"The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada regret to feel that the Resolution now adopted by the Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge, if that Resolution is to be considered for the present irrevocable, precludes the possibility of that union they had earnestly hoped would have been this day consummated; they therefore look forward with confidence that

The Committee of the G. Lodge of Canada decline entertaining or entering on any question of money matters. The Provincial Grand Lodge are at liberty to do as they think best with their funds.

Omit. The Constitution provides for this.

Omit.

the delayed amalgamation of the Bodies may be effected at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the 9th July, 1858, and that, on that occasion, the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge will meet on terms of perfect equality with the Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and take equal part with them in the business of that day, and all future proceedings of the Grand Lodge."

To which the Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge replied as follows :—

"The Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge, with regard to the passage in the present Memorandum from the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that—

"They look forward with confidence that the amalgamation of the bodies may be effected at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in July, 1858,"

"Beg to reply, that if the word *amalgamation* may be accepted in the sense of fusion of the existing bodies into one *new* Body, as used by the Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge, they see no reason why such amalgamation should not be immediately consummated."

The Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge expressed a desire to withdraw the foregoing, and offered the following in substitution,—

"That the difference between the Committees seems to be, That the Grand Lodge of Canada proposes *an amalgamation*, which, in truth, and in fact, would be a mere reception by it, as a superior, of the Provincial Grand Lodge as an inferior body, whilst the Provincial Grand Lodge proposes *a fusion* of the two existing bodies into one new body, to be constituted by and composed of both, and preservative of the dignity and past acts of both.

"Such a fusion this Committee will cordially accept, but any amalgamation ignoring the existence, rank and dignity of the Provincial Grand Lodge cannot be entertained."

The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada then submitted the following proposal :—

"In accordance with the terms of the Resolution last proposed, the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada are prepared to recommend to the Grand Lodge,—

"That the Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be accorded equal past rank in the Grand Lodge of Canada to that they held in the Provincial Grand Lodge;

"That all Lodges declaring their affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Canada, previously to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, shall take numerical rank, according to the dates of their Warrants equally with Lodges at present in alliance with the Grand Lodge of Canada;

"That Warrants shall be issued to all such affiliating Lodges free of charge; and

"That, on the 9th day of July, 1858, the Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West—and of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Montreal and William Henry, and of Quebec and Three Rivers, if they shall see fit—shall enter the Grand Lodge Room in procession, shall take their positions under their respective banners, and then and there proceed to the election of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge."

To which the following reply was presented by the Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge :—

"The Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge are under the necessity of rejecting the last Memorandum as irrelevant to Art. No. 1, of the proposed Articles of Union, beyond which the discussion has not yet passed; as inconsistent with Resolution No. 3, unanimously adopted; and as a question of internal discipline solely belonging to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

"The Committee regret that such a Resolution should have been offered to them, and they propose to close the proceedings by adoption of the Minutes."

The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada then suggested the following,—

"That the Committees do immediately report to their respective Grand Masters, and that their respective Chairmen do immediately thereafter communicate with each other as to the desire to have a further meeting, or otherwise ; "

Which was adopted, and the proceedings were thus closed at 3 o'clock, A. M.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM C. STEPHENS,

Chairman.

No proposals having been made by either party for renewing the negociation,—

In the month of September following, the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, dissolved the Provincial Grand Lodge, and declared themselves an Independent Grand Lodge, under the style and title of "The Ancient Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada."

Subsequently to the erection of the said Ancient Grand Lodge, overtures were received from R. W. Br. T. G. Ridout, in a letter to the Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Canada for a renewal of the negociations for union between the two Bodies; and

the suggested Articles of Union, by R. W. Br. T. D. Harington, were submitted on behalf of the said Ancient Grand Lodge for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master thereon summoned a meeting of the Grand Officers, for the purpose of considering the subject, and the following are the Minutes of its proceedings :—

MINUTES.

At a Meeting of Committee of Officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, specially convened by order of the M. W. the Grand Master, held at Hamilton on the 7th and 8th days of May, A. L. 5858, for the purpose of considering certain correspondence and suggestions which had been received on the subject of a permanent Union of all the Lodges in the Province under one Grand Lodge,

PRESENT.

M. W. Br. Wm. M. Wilson, G. M., presiding.

R. W. Brs. W. C. Stephens, Capt. Thompson Wilson, James Daniel, Richard Bull, Thos. B. Harris, John Osborne, Charles Magill, John R. Holden, and V. W. Brs. F. J. Rastrick, H. Crouse and H. Grist.

The M.W. Grand Master submitted for the consideration and opinion of the Committee a letter he had received on the 4th instant, from R. W. Br. T. G. Ridout, which enclosed a copy of "Proposed Articles of Union between the Grand Lodges of Canada, submitted for the consideration of the Craft, by R. W. Br. T.D. Harington," which proposal R. W. Br. T. G. Ridout expressed his belief "was well adapted to the wants of the Craft under the Ancient Grand Lodge," and suggested "that if the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada was of opinion that the Grand Lodge of Canada would accept the same as a satisfactory basis upon which to found a union, that the sense of the whole Craft under the two jurisdictions should be taken at a Special Meeting of each body, to be summoned for that purpose at an early day."

The Committee having read the letter from R. W. Br. Ridout, and the suggested articles of Union, and having likewise read an address to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont, from M. W. Br. P. C. Tucker, its Grand Master, which appeared in the printed

proceedings of that Grand Lodge in January last, and also a report to the M. W. Grand Lodge, of South Carolina, by W. Br. Albert G. Mackay, its Grand Secretary, which appeared in the printed proceedings of that Grand Lodge in December last, and also various other documents and letters relating thereto, and having likewise read letters from R. W. Br. A. Bernard, P. D. G. M., R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, D. D. G. M., and R. W. Br. Kivas Tully, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, expressive of their opinions on the subject, which were carefully considered and discussed, it was unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the Committee are fully aware that the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, whilst themselves actuated by a sincere desire for the welfare of the Craft in the Province, in their action in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855, readily concede an equal sincerity of motive to those Brethren who considered that the proper time had not then arrived for taking the final step—which was to sever their connexion with their mother Grand Lodges—without further efforts being first made to obtain the necessary concessions from the Grand Lodge of England for ameliorating the condition of the Canadian Craft.

That the prompt recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada by one of its mother Grand Lodges—the Grand Lodge of Ireland—and by nineteen other Grand Lodges, affords abundant confirmation of that action having been taken in strict accordance with Masonic law and usage.

That the desire for union so fraternally expressed, not only in the communications referred to the consideration of this Committee, but also by the Brethren generally, of itself shows that on that point no diversity of opinion exists between the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada and those Brethren, who at the time did not concur in its formation, and that whether the proper time for taking such a step had or had not then arrived, which has been confessedly the only point of difference, such doubt has now been removed, and all are agreed that Masonry in Canada should possess its One Grand Lodge.

The Committee therefore hail with pleasure the prospect of an immediate union of all the Masons in the Provinces, under one Grand Lodge, and would therefore propose that all should now unite, in every respect as if they had originally concurred in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

That the maintenance of the dignity of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for the future, must be an object of equal interest to all the Canadian fraternity, and too much care cannot, therefore, be taken to avoid any disrespect or cause of offence to those Grand Lodges who have so favorably recognized the exertions of the Canadian Craft for the advancement of the Order, and have taken such a fraternal interest in their movements.

That for the consummation of the union with ceremonies befitting the auspicious occasion, the day most convenient for all parties be selected, the Committee suggesting the 14th day of July next—a large proportion

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of the Brethren in all parts of the Province having been summoned to meet in Toronto on that day, for which they will probably have made their arrangements.

That the first business of such meeting be, to proceed to a new election of Officers.

That in order to render the proposed union of the Canadian Craft perfect and complete, it is essential that all Provincial Grand Lodges, and all private Lodges in the Province should be afforded an opportunity of concurring in this union, so that all their Past Provincial Grand Officers may at once assume similar rank in the Grand Lodge, and that all Canadian Lodges may be placed on the Grand Lodge register in numerical order, according to antiquity, and that for such purpose a Special Meeting of Grand Lodge be called within six months from the date of this meeting, for arranging the proposed union.

The foregoing appears to the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada to form a fair basis for a union of the Craft in Canada. All parties claiming for themselves, and according to others, equal sincerity of motive—all agreeing in the grand principle of a Grand Lodge of Canada being a matter of present and imperative necessity—all being placed in the position of equally concurring in its formation—and all being alike interested in adopting the course best calculated to secure and maintain for the Grand Lodge a position of dignity and usefulness,—

RESOLVED,—

That various letters with suggestions for effecting union, referred to in the proceedings of this Committee, having already been circulated amongst all the Lodges of the Province, the Committee consider it proper that the Lodges should also be placed in possession of the addresses from W. Br. A. G. Mackay and M. W. Br. Philip C. Tucker, and any other information that will enable them to arrive at a correct conclusion as to the proper means of accomplishing the union amongst all the Craft in the Province, as proposed by the foregoing Resolution of the Committee, and that the Grand Secretary be therefore directed to have the proceedings of the Committee printed and circulated amongst the Craft.

A true copy.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
Grand Secretary.

The foregoing minutes having been communicated to R. W. Br. T. G. Ridout, in reply to his letter to the M. W. Grand Master, they were taken into consideration by the Members of the Ancient Grand Lodge, and being deemed satisfactory, as the preliminary conditions of the desired union, the Ancient Grand Lodge appointed R. W. Br. T. D. Harrington, a delegate to negotiate with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and agree on the more perfect terms of Union. The M. W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Canada, summoned another meeting of its Grand Officers, to consider the propriety of appointing a delegate to meet the delegate of the Ancient Grand Lodge, and complete with him the final arrangements for the union of the two Bodies, and of the whole of the Craft in Canada, under one Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Grand Officers accordingly met at Hamilton, on Friday the 11th day of June, 1858,—

PRESENT.

R. W. Br. W. C. STEPHENS, Presiding.

R. W. Brs. Charles Magill, Richard Bull, John Osborne, Thos. B. Harris, Capt. Thompson Wilson, William Bellhouse, V. W. Brs. John R. Holden, Henry Grist, F. J. Rastrick, W. H. Parday, Thos. Rawlings, and W. Br. Norman Booth.

R. W. Br. W. C. Stephens having reported to the Committee that the Ancient Grand Lodge had adopted a Resolution under seal of the Grand Lodge, appointing R. W. Br. T. D. Harington to negotiate with this Grand Lodge, and agree on more perfect terms of union.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Capt. T. Wilson, seconded by W. Br. W. H. Parday,—

That the Committee having heard Communications at the hands of R. W. Br. Stephens, with his explanations of an interview he had had with certain Brethren in Toronto—

RESOLVED,—

“ That R. W. Br. Stephens be requested, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to see R. W. Br. Harington, and arrange such a formula as he may find expedient to carry out the desired object, and to inform the Members of this Committee of his action at his convenience.”

(Signed)

THOS. B. HARRIS, G. S.

Under the authority of the foregoing Resolution, and a similar authority from the Ancient Grand Lodge, Brs. Harington and Stephens discussed the best means of effecting the great object in view, and after due consultation and consideration, agreed on the following as fit and proper terms of union between the two bodies and which are submitted and recommended to the adoption, of Grand Lodge :—

PROPOSED PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS *for finally settling the Union of the Craft in Canada.*

WHEREAS the past condition and future welfare of Freemasonry in Canada, rendered it absolutely necessary to organise and establish a SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, for the reasons and on the basis set forth in various documents from time to time circulated, the correctness of which has not been refuted, although there has existed diversity of opinion as to whether the proper time had arrived for severing the connexion with the Mother Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, without further efforts being first made to obtain such necessary concessions as would tend to ameliorate the condition of the Canadian Craft; and which diversity of opinion has been suffered to operate to the injury of the best interests of Freemasonry in the Province, and thereby to militate against the advancement of the entire Order, by creating, as it has done, antagonistic bodies, claiming separate and independent jurisdictions; by causing division amongst the Brethren bound together by strong and mutual ties; and by interfering, here and elsewhere, with that unity which is essentially a first principle of the landmarks of the Ancient Institution;—

AND WHEREAS, the anxious and generally expressed desire for consummating an Union of the Fraternity under one governing and supreme authority testifies, that whether the proper time had or had not previously arrived, all are now agreed that Canadian Freemasonry should possess its one Grand Lodge;—

AND WHEREAS, the maintenance of the dignity of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for the future, must be an object of equal interest to the entire Canadian Fraternity,—

IT IS RESOLVED, That an impartial review of all the eventful circumstances attending its organisation—its priority—its subsequent important proceedings—and its recognition by a portion of the British Empire, and by a very large proportion of the Grand Lodges of the United States of America—demonstrates, that the Grand Lodge of Canada, organised on the 10th October, 1855, and known and recognised as aforesaid, by the style and

title of *The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*, should be acknowledged by the entire Canadian Craft, and should be, and is hereby declared to be, the Grand Lodge of the Fraternity in and throughout Canada.

RESOLVED ALSO, That the diversity of opinion heretofore mentioned which, in various ways, retarded the union of the Fraternity, having given rise—amongst other circumstances to be regretted—to the anomaly, in Freemasonry, of the erection, in one and the same territory, of a second Grand Lodge, styled *The Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada*, and exercising jurisdiction over a portion of the Canadian Craft, it is necessary for the interests of the Institution—and in accordance with the previous Resolution—that the said *Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada* should be dissolved ; therefore, the same is now dissolved, its Officers, (as Past Grand Officers) and its Members and Lodges hereby uniting with, and becoming enrolled, according to their respective rank and seniority, on the Registry of *The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*, in every respect as though they had concurred originally in the organisation of that Lodge ; to which they hereby pledge their willing and faithful obedience, feeling, as all do, that the future prosperity and permanent welfare of Freemasonry require unanimity and harmony.

RESOLVED ALSO, That a Committee, to consist of ———, be appointed for ascertaining and defining the respective rank and precedence of Brethren, and of Lodges, according to the dates of their original Warrants or Dispensations—the said Committee to report to an especial Communication of Grand Lodge, to be convened by the M. W. Grand Master, at six months from this date.

RESOLVED ALSO, That Warrants, under the Seal of *The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*, to bear date on this day of Union, be forthwith prepared for each and every Lodge enrolled on the registry of *The Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada* aforesaid, and that the names of seven members of each such Lodge be furnished, with as little delay as possible to the Grand Secretary, for insertion in such respective warrants ;

the number of each such warrant to be affixed thereto, after receiving the Report of the Committee aforesaid.

AND RESOLVED ALSO, That all Provincial Grand and Private Lodges, not at present in alliance with *The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*, be notified of these proceedings, and be invited to enroll themselves within six months, that they may be accorded their proper rank and precedence on the register of the said Grand Lodge, at the Especial Communication before mentioned.

W. C. STEPHENS.

TORONTO, July, A. D., 1858, A. L. 5858.

The foregoing Report having been read, R. W. Br. W. C. Stephens informed Grand Lodge, that the presence of M. W. Br. Philip C. Tucker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and R. W. Br. Robert Morris, D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at this Communication, had afforded an opportunity of submitting to their consideration the proposed Preamble and Resolutions, and that those eminent Brethren concurred in the opinion, that the terms proposed might be accepted without impairing the constitutional position of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that they would be honorable, and could not fail to be beneficial to all parties concerned.

R. W. Br. Stephens urged on Grand Lodge the desirableness of their embracing the present opportunity of accomplishing the union of all the Craft in the Province, and moved, seconded by R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson,

That the Preamble and Resolutions for the Union of all the Craft in Canada, now submitted, be approved, adopted and accepted, by this Grand Lodge, as the basis upon which that union—so essential to the interests of Masonry in Canada—may be effected.

It was moved, in amendment, by Br. Worthington, seconded by W. Br. W. G. Chambers,

That so much of the Resolution as refers to the re-numbering of the Lodges, be struck out.

On the amendment being put for confirmation, it was negatived —three only being in its favor.

The original Resolution was then put for confirmation, and declared to be unanimously adopted.

A Memorial was read from the W. M. Wardens and Brethren of St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, praying that an old Warrant, issued by William Jarvis, Esq., then Provincial Grand Master for Upper Canada, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, might be revived.

The Memorial, and all documents connected therewith, was referred to the Committee on Warrants.

It was, on motion, unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Br. W. C. Stephens, for the zeal and ability he has successfully displayed in bringing about a reconciliation between this Grand Lodge and the Brethren in Canada.

It was moved by Br.O'Loughlin, seconded by Br.L.H.Bondhiem, and unanimously adopted,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby given, to R. W. Br. A. Bernard, and the other Members of the Committee, who, in connection with R. W. Br. Stephens, so ably and effectually succeeded in arranging the basis of Union between this Grand Lodge and the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Rev. F. J. Lundy, seconded by R. W. Br. R. Bull, and

RESOLVED,—

That Art. II. p. 23, L. E. of the Constitution, referring to the Election of the Grand Master, the operation of which was suspended by the Grand Lodge during its last Annual Communication, be expunged.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at seven o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sitting at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

The M. W. Grand Master, on the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

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The Committee on Grievances and Appeals, to whom was referred the consideration of the differences between R. W. Br. J. H. Isaacson, and R W. Br. A. Bernard, presented the following

REPORT:

Your Committee, after having carefully examined the charges brought by Br. Isaacson, against Br. Bernard, and having heard and considered the evidence adduced by the former Brother, in support of these charges, are of opinion that the first charge, "That of conduct unbecoming a Mason and a gentleman," is not substantiated; that the tone of the letter from Br. Bernard to Br. Isaacson, on the 7th April, complained of in the same charge, as "uncourteous," is highly objectionable; but your Committee are of opinion, that it was provoked by circumstances, and a letter from Br. Isaacson to Br. Bernard, of a still more reprehensible nature; and lastly, that Br. Isaacson has failed to substantiate the third charge, of "arrogant, insulting and overbearing conduct," by Br. Bernard, towards himself and other Members of the Craft in Montreal.

That your Committee, on a review of the whole circumstances, feel that the matter has arisen from a misapprehension which was at the time satisfactorily explained, and which, but for an over-sensitiveness on the part of Br. Isaacson, should then have been stopped.

Your Committee beg, also, to report, that Br. Isaacson has expressed assent to this Report, and his regret that the misunderstanding should have arisen; and Br. Bernard having, also, consented to withdraw his petition of remonstrance, your Committee recommend that the whole matter be allowed to be withdrawn from Grand Lodge.

W. C. STEPHENS,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of V. W. Br. S. B. Campbell, seconded by V. W. Br. William Bungey,—

The Report from the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received and adopted.

R. W. Br. John Osborne gave notice, that he would, to-morrow, move, That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be holden at the City of London, C.W.

A Deputation, consisting of R. W. Brs. Harington, Thos. G. Ridout, S. B. Harman, and G. W. Whitehead, from the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada, were introduced, and announced that the Preamble and Resolutions for union—which had been agreed on by R. W. Brs. Harington and Stephens—had been unanimously adopted by the Ancient Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master informed the Deputation, that the said Preamble and Resolutions had likewise been unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of Canada ; and that they were now prepared and anxious to receive the Members of the Ancient Grand Lodge into Membership of this Grand Lodge.

The Deputation withdrew, to communicate with the Ancient Grand Lodge—which was then in session—and to invite the immediate attendance of its Officers and Members.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed R. W. Brs. Bernard, Stephens and Simpson, in conjunction with the Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Grand Deacons, a Deputation to receive and introduce the Members of the Ancient Grand Lodge.

The Officers and Members of the Ancient Grand Lodge came in a body to the portals of the Grand Lodge of Canada,—were duly announced, introduced by the Deputation, and received with the usual grand honors.

R. W. Br. Harington read the Articles of Union agreed on by R. W. Br. Stephens and himself, (see page 53) and which had been approved and adopted separately by both Grand Lodges, as the basis of Union, and moved, that they be now jointly ratified and confirmed.

R. W. Br. Stephens seconded the motion—and the Articles were accordingly unanimously ratified and confirmed in the most enthusiastic manner by acclamation; and the Union of the two Grand Lodges was declared to be perfect and complete.

The Brethren were then addressed and congratulated on the happy consummation of the long desired Union, by M. W. Brs. **WILLIAM M. WILSON**, **Sir ALLAN N. McNAB**, and **P. C. TUCKER**, and R. W. Brs. **ROBERT MORRIS**, **T. G. RIDOUT**, **T. D. HARINGTON**, **W. C. STEPHENS**, and **A. BERNARD**.

The M.W. Grand Master announced, that the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic term, would be the first business for the Morning Session, and

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 9.30 a. m. to-morrow.

[ORDERED TO BE ENTERED ON THE MINUTES.]

PROCEEDINGS

Of an Especial Communication of the Antient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the City of Toronto, on Wednesday, 14th July, A. L. 5858—A.D. 1858.

PRESENT:

M. W. Br. Sir ALLAN McNAB, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

R. W. Br. Thomas Gibbs Ridout, Deputy Grand Master.

" " " Samuel D. Fowler, Grand Senior Warden.

" " " Geo. W. Whitehead, as Grand Junior Warden.

V. " " Septimus Ramsay, Grand Chaplain.

" " " N. Gatchell, Grand Registrar.

" " " W. M. Jamieson, Grand Treasurer.

" " " W. R. Harris, Assistant Grand Secretary.

" " " J. C. Franck, Grand Senior Deacon.

" " " John K. Brown, as Grand Junior Deacon.

" " " William Hay, Grand Superintendent of Works.

" " " Charles Kahn, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

" " " H. G. R. Fripp, Grand Organist.

 " David Stirling, Grand Sword Bearer.

 " John H. Richey, as Grand Pursuivant.

" " " B. C. Davy,

" " " W. H. Weller,

" " " Levi C. Bailey,

" " " George E. Bull,

" " " J. B. Young,

 " James Forman, Grand Tyler.

} Grand Stewards.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, P. G. M.
 V. " " John Tully, P. G. Superintendent of Works.
 " J. H. Richey, P. G. Sword Bearer.

PAST MASTERS.

V.W. Br. F. W. Barron.	W.Br. F. W. Alport.
" " S. B. Harman.	" " Joseph Figg.
" " F. W. Cumberland.	" " Geo. Mirick.
" " Rice Lewis.	" " W. P. Vidal.
V. " S. D. Fowler.	" " G. W. Kilborn.
" " G. F. La Serre.	" " Wm. Tracey.
" " A. A. Campbell.	" " Jno. Fitzgibbon.
" " B. C. Davy.	" " M. H. Foley.
" " Jno. C. Burr.	" " Charles Kahn.
" " W. H. Stanton.	" " G. E. Bull.
" " J. B. Hall.	" " Lewis Grant.
" " R. Waugh.	" " Geo. B. Wyllie.
" " R. S. Manning.	V. " " G. W. Whitehead.
" " Jno. Parry.	" " A. A. Campbell.
" " Charles Clarke.	" " J. C. Franck.
" " J. K. Brown.	

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at seven o'clock, P. M.

The Throne of Grace was addressed by the V. W. the Grand Chaplain.

The following representatives of Lodges were reported to be present.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, TORONTO.

- V. W. Br. F. W. Barron, P. M.
 " " S. B. Harman, P.M.
 " " F. W. Cumberland, P.M.
 " " W. G. Storm, W. M.
 " " W. R. Harris, S. W.
 " J. H. Richey, J. W.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, KINGSTON.

- V. W. Br. S. D. Fowler, P. M.
 " " James G. Fortier, P. M.
 " " James H. Rowan, W. M.
 " E. H. Parker, S. W.

MOIRA LODGE, BELLEVILLE.

W. Br. J. C. Franck, P. M.
 " " A. A. Campbell, P. M.
 " " F. W. Alport, P. M.
 " " W. H. Coleman, W. M.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, COBOURG.

W. Br. W. H. Weller, W. M.
 " Asa A. Burnham.

UNION LODGE, NAPANEE.

W. Br. B. C. Davy, P. M.

WESTERN LIGHT LODGE, BOLTON,

W. Br. James Wilson, W. M.
 " Robert Elliott, S. W.

RICHMOND LODGE, RICHMOND HILL.

W. Br. John C. Burr, P. M.
 V. " " D. Bridgford, W. M.

ST. FRANCIS LODGE, SMITH'S FALLS.

W. Br. James Shaw, W. M.

IONIC LODGE, TORONTO.

W. Br. W. H. Stanton, P. M.
 " W. C. Chewitt, J. W.

UNITED LODGE, BRIGHTON.

W. Br. J. B. Young, W. M.
 " J. M. Wellington, J. W.

ONTARIO LODGE, PORT HOPE.

V.W. Br. J. B. Hall, P. M.
 " " A. W. Givins, W. M.

KEMPTVILLE LODGE, KEMPTVILLE.

W. Br. R. Waugh, P. M.
 " " H. Holmes, W. M.

JERUSALEM LODGE, BOWMANVILLE.

W. Br. R. S. Manning, P. M.
 " " J. Milne, W. M.
 " " John McLeod, S.W.
 " George Smart, J.W.

AMITY LODGE, DUNNVILLE.

W. Br. A. Brownson, P.M.
 " " J. Parry, P.M.
 " " J McIndoe, P.M.
 " " J. Amsden, W.M.

COMPOSITE LODGE, WHITBY.

W. Br. Chas. Clarke, P.M.
 " " James Wallace, W.M.

WELLAND LODGE, FONTHILL.

W. Br. Geo. Gamble, W.M.
 " A. K. Scholfield, J.W.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, LONDON.

- W. Br. John K. Brown, P.M.
 " H. D. Monkhouse, S.W.
 " W. F. Hardy, J.W.

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, WOODSTOCK.

- Br. W. Fergusson, J.W.

WELLINGTON LODGE, CHATHAM.

- W. Br. E. B. Donnelly, W. M.

MADOC LODGE, MADOC.

- W. Br. F.W. Alport, P. M. and Rep.

CONSECON LODGE, CONSECON.

- W. Br. L. C. Bailey, W. M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, STANLEY'S MILLS

- W. Br. Joseph Figg, P. M.

MIRICKVILLE LODGE, MIRICKVILLE.

- W. Br. George Mirick, P. M.
 " C. Legge, Jun., S.W.

VICTORIA LODGE, PORT SARNIA.

- W. Br. W. P. Vidal, P. M.
 " " George Kilborn, P. M.
 " " Thomas Forsyth, W. M.

DORIC LODGE, OTTAWA.

- W. Br. William Tracey, P.M.
 " " James Wilson, W. M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, OTTAWA.

- W. Br. James Fitzgibbon, P. M.
 " Edward Sherwood, J.W.

SIMCOE LODGE, SIMCOE.

- W. Br. Jacob Lang, P.M.
 " " M. H. Foley, P. M.
 " " Charles Kahn, P.M.
 " " John Boyd, W. M.
 " William Grieve, S.W.
 " J. M. Salmon, J.W.

DURHAM LODGE, NEWCASTLE.

- W. Br. E. A. MacNaughton, W. M.
 " John J. Robson, J.W.

STIRLING LODGE, STIRLING.

- W. Br. G. E. Bull, P. M.
 " " Lewis Grant, P. M.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, TORONTO.

- W. Br. William Hay, W.M.
 " " Geo. B. Wyllie, P.M.
 " David Stirling, S.W.
 " Joseph Jackes, J.W.

OXFORD LODGE, WOODSTOCK.

W. W. Br. G. W. Whitehead, W. M.

SIMCOE LODGE, BRADFORD.

W. Br. J. W. H. Wilson, W.M.
" Henry Grose, J.W.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, OWEN SOUND.

W. Br. Henry McPherson, W.M.
" Thos. Gordon, S.W.

KING HIRAM LODGE, LINDSAY.

W. Br. G. M. Roche, W.M.
" A. McLean Frazer, J.W.

MANITO LODGE, COLLINGWOOD.

W. Br. Prosser, W.M.
" Chas. Kelly, S.W.

COLBORNE LODGE, COLBORNE.

Br. J. S. Scott, S.W.
" G. S. Strong, J.W.

RIDOUT LODGE, OTTERVILLE.

Br. John Wood, J.W.

TUSCAN LODGE, NEWMARKET.

W. Br. A. Boulbee, W.M.
" John Bentley, S.W.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, BARRIE.

W. Br. Chas. B. Chalmers, W.M.
" H. Barnard, S.W.

TRUE BLUE LODGE, ALBION.

W. Br. W. M. Graham, W.M.
" Wm. Lyness, J. W.

The By-Laws and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge, during its Session, were read.

The Minutes of the half-yearly Communication, held at Toronto, on the 2nd day of June, A. L. 5858, were read and approved.

R. W. Br. Robert Morris, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, was announced.

The M. W. Grand Master directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies, with the Grand Deacons, to receive and introduce the R. W. Brother,—who was greeted and received with the grand honors, and invited to a seat on the dais.

The M. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge, that he had granted Dispensations to the following Lodges, viz:

MOIRA LODGE,	Belleville.
ST. GEORGE'S LODGE,	Owen Sound.
KING HIRAM “	Lindsay.
MANITO “	Collingwood.
COLBORNE “	Colborne.
RIDOUT “	Otterville.
TUSCAN “	Newmarket.
CORINTHIAN “	Barrie.
TRUE BLUE “	Albion.

Whereupon, it was resolved that Warrants be issued to the foregoing Lodges under Dispensation.

M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, in accordance with the terms of a resolution appointing him a Delegate from the Ancient Grand Lodge, to meet a similar Delegate from the Grand Lodge of Canada, with power to negotiate terms upon which a permanent Union of the Fraternity of Canada could be effected, submitted the Preamble and Resolutions agreed on between R. W. Br. Stephens, the Delegate from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and himself, as his Report.

[Preamble and Resolutions, see page 53.]

The Preamble and Resolutions were fully considered and discussed at great length by the brethren, and were finally unanimously adopted.

It was moved by W. Br. J. H. Rowan, seconded V.W. Br S. D. Fowler, and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, for the zeal and ability he has displayed in bringing to a successful issue the union of the Craft in the Province.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren a Deputation to proceed to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and inform that Grand Lodge that the Preamble and Resolutions, for effecting a union of the Craft in Canada, as submitted by M. W. Br. Harington, had been unanimously adopted by this Grand Lodge, viz: M.W. Br. T. D. Harington, R. W. Br. T. G. Ridout, V. W. Brs. G. W. Whitehead and S. B. Harman.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 10.30 p. m.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 10.30 p. m.

M.W. Br. Sir Allan N. McNab, Bart., Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, on behalf of the Deputation appointed for the purpose of communicating to the Grand Lodge of Canada the adoption of the Preamble and Resolutions by this Grand Lodge,—

REPORTED :

That, in accordance with the desire of this Grand Lodge, they had proceeded to the hall of King Solomon's Lodge, where the Grand Lodge of Canada were in Session, by whom they were most cordially and fraternally received ; that they had announced to them the adoption, by this Grand Lodge, of the Preamble and Resolutions as submitted ; and were informed that a similar Resolution had been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Canada ; and that that Grand Body now anxiously awaited the arrival of this Grand Lodge, that the Union might be at once perfected.

The Report was received with acclamation.

The M.W. Grand Master intimated to the Brethren assembled, that as the Grand Lodge of Canada, had likewise unanimously adopted the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions for the union of the Canadian Craft, and were now awaiting the final action of this Grand Lodge for its perfect consummation, directed that they should at once proceed, in a body, to their place of meeting, and complete the Union so much desired by the Masons of Canada.

This proposal having been approved by the Grand Lodge,

The M.W. Grand Master directed the G. D. of Ceremonies to form the Brethren in proper order of procession,—and they thus proceeded, at 10.45 p. m., to the Hall of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

On the arrival of the Grand Lodge at the Hall of the Grand Lodge of Canada, it was received with grand honors, and heartily welcomed by that Grand Lodge ; after which,

The Preamble and Resolutions were again read, in the presence of both Bodies, and unanimously adopted.

The *Ancient Grand Lodge* was then formally declared dissolved ; and the Union of the Craft in Canada was declared perfected, amidst the enthusiastic cheers and hearty congratulations of the assembled Fraternity.

The M.W. Br. William M. Wilson, from the throne, announced that the *Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*, would resume its sittings on the following morning, Thursday, July the 15th, at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the Hall of St. Andrew's Lodge, and that the first business in order would be the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic term.

(Signed)

W. R. HARRIS,
Assist. Grand Secretary.

THURSDAY, July 15th, 1858.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings in the Hall of St. Andrew's Lodge, at 9.30 o'clock, a. m.

PRESENT:

The M.W. Grand Master, William M. Wilson,
On the Throne.

Officers and Representatives of the whole united Fraternity.

The M. W. Grand Master directed that a Certificate of Affiliation, which had been prepared, be issued to the Lodges of the late Ancient Grand Lodge.

The election of Grand Officers was proceeded with.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren as Scrutineers:—

Brs. F. W. Cumberland, Rastrick, and H. B. Bull.

On motion of R. W. Br. T. G. Ridout, seconded by V.W. Br. G.W. Whitehead,—

M.W. Br. Wm. M. Wilson, was unanimously re-elected Grand Master by acclamation.

On motion of R.W. Br. Stephens, seconded by R.W. Br. G. L. Allen, it was

RESOLVED,—

That Art. I. (of Deputy Grand Master) Book of Constitution, which required that the Deputy Grand Master should be elected from the half of the Province in which the Grand Master is not a resident, be suspended for the present term.

On motion of R.W. Br. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Br. G. L. Allen,—

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R.W. Br. Thomas G. Ridout, Toronto, was unanimously elected
D. G. M., by acclamation.

" " " P. D. Brown, Montreal, Grand Senior Warden.

" " " J. K. Brown, London, Grand Junior Warden.

" " " The Rev. F. J. Lundy, }
" " " " S. F. Ramsay, }
" " " " F. Tremaine, }
" " " " E. H. Dewar, } Grand Chaplains.

" " " William Bellhouse, Grand Treasurer.

" " " Francis Richardson, Grand Registrar.

" " " Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to confirm the following
nominations, by Lodges, of their respective Districts :—

R. W. Br. James Moffat, as D.D.G.M. for the London District.

" " " Richard Bull, " Hamilton "
" " " F. W. Cumberland, " Toronto "
" " " W. B. Simpson, " Central "
" " " E. Morris, " Montreal "
" " " E. Gustin, " East Townships.

The M.W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following
Brethren as Grand Officers for the ensuing year :—

V. W. Br. E. R. O'Brien, Grand Senior Deacon.

" " " D. Curtis, Grand Junior Deacon.

" " " F. J. Rastrick, Grand Superintendent of Works.

" " " S. B. Campbell, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

" " " W. R. Harris, Assistant Grand Secretary.

" " " W. H. Weller, Assist. G. Director of Ceremonies.

" " " Henry Rowsell, Grand Sword Bearer.

" " " William T. Thomas, Grand Organist.

" " " J. P. Clarke, Assistant Grand Organist.

" " " D. Stirling, Grand Pursuivant.

" " " John Morrison, Grand Tyler.

" " " Edward J. Barker,

" " " P. Henry,

" " " A. A. Stevenson,

" " " George Duncan,

" " " John Dutton,

" " " Joseph Jackes,

" " " J. B. Hall,

" " " J. Prosser,

} Grand Stewards.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 3.30 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sitting at 3.30 o'clock, p. m.

The M.W. Grand Master, on the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

The M. W. Br. P. C. Tucker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, installed the re-elected M. W. Br. Wm. M. Wilson, as Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

The M. W. Grand Master was proclaimed, and saluted with the grand honors.

The Grand Officers were installed, invested, and proclaimed according to ancient custom.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren on the Regular Standing Committees, in addition to those already mentioned:—

[See Page 7.]

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

V. W. Brs. S. B. Harman, W. H. Walker, and W. M. Jamieson.

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

V. W. Brs. F. W. Barron, G. W. Whitehead, and J. K. Brown.

ON CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS.

R. W. Br. F. W. Cumberland, V. W. Brs. S. D. Fowler and J. B. Hall, and W. Br. G. B. Wyllie.

ON WARRANTS.

W. Brs. W. Hay and J. H. Richey.

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

V.W. Brs. S. B. Harman, J. K. Brown, G. W. Whitehead, and Br. W. Fergusson.

ON FINANCE.

R.W. Brs. F. W. Cumberland, J. K. Brown, V.W. Brs. Jamieson and Jackes.

AUDIT.

V.W. Br. E. R. O'Brien.

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It was moved by R. W. Br. Rev. Joseph Scott, P.D.G.M., seconded by R.W. Br. T. G. Ridout, D.G.M., and unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That in consideration of the lasting benefit which this Grand Lodge, and Masonry in general, has received from the labors of R. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, in bringing about the Union which has been so happily effected, that the rank and dignity of a Past Grand Master be accorded to him by this Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Rev. J. Scott, seconded by R.W. Br. W. Bellhouse, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That in consideration of the distinguished services rendered by R. W. Br. Stephens, to the Grand Lodge of Canada, on its original formation, and further, in aiding the consummation of the Union now effected, that the honor, dignity, and rank of a Past Grand Master, be conferred on him by this Grand Lodge.

On motion of W. Br. F.W. Alport, seconded by M. W. Br. T. D. Harington,—

Whereas the recent accession of Lodges to the Register of the Grand Lodge of Canada, renders it expedient to re-arrange the Masonic Districts,

IT WAS RESOLVED,—

That the M.W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a Committee to take the matter into consideration, and to report thereon at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, when immediate action may be taken without further notice.

The M. W. Grand Master named the following as such Committee :—

All Present and Past District Deputy Grand Masters, with V.W. Brs. J. B. Hall, J. C. Franck, B.C. Davy, and W.H. Weller.

In accordance with notice given, it was moved by R. W. Br. J. Osborne,—

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be holden at the City of London, C.W.

It was moved, in amendment, by R. W. Br.W. B. Simpson, and seconded by R. W. Br. E. Morris,—

That the next Annual Communication be held at the City of Kingston.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

It was moved by W. Br. J. C. Franck, seconded by W. Br. F. W. Alport, and unanimously adopted,—

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are justly due, and are hereby most sincerely tendered, to those distinguished Brethren—the M. W. Br. Philip C. Tucker, Grand Master of Vermont, and R.W. Br. Robert Morris, D.G. M. of Kentucky, for the Masonic good feeling and affection displayed towards Canadian Masons, in attending this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of lending their valuable assistance to consummate the Union of all Canadian Masons under one supreme head.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of certain Brethren of St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, reported—

That they cannot recommend the prayer of the Petition from the W. M. and Wardens of St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, be granted.

F. J. LUNDY,
Chairman.

Which Report was, on motion, received.

On motion of W. Br. Rev. Thomas W. Street, seconded by Br. George Twomley,—

IT WAS RESOLVED,—

That the Petition from the W. M., Wardens, and Members of St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, regarding the revival of the old "Jarvis Warrant," in their possession, together with all documents respecting the same, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the following day.

FRIDAY, July 16th, 5858.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 10.30 o'clock, a. m.

The M. W. Grand Master, on the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

A Memorial was read from Br. John Scholfield, complaining of alleged irregularities in the Wellington Lodge, No. 24, Dunnville. The Memorial was, on motion, referred to the D. D. G. M., for the Hamilton District.

W. Br. J. Prosser gave the following notice of motion for the next Annual Communication,—

That, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, all Officers of Subordinate Lodges are elective, and whereas some of the Lodges now hailing under the Grand Lodge of Canada, have been accustomed to elect only the W. M., Treasurer and Tyler, the other officers being appointed by the W. M.,—Therefore, be it

RESOLVED :

That each Lodge shall be at liberty, under its By-Laws, to make all its Officers elective, or only the W. M., Treasurer and Tyler.

M.W. Br. T. D. Harington submitted and read a letter addressed to him from V.W. Br. W. Gray Clarke, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, and his answer thereto.

On motion of W. Br. H. B. Bull, seconded by R. W. Br. E. Morris, it was

RESOLVED :

That the correspondence submitted to this Grand Lodge, by M.W. Br. Harington, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the subjects introduced in the Grand Master's Address, presented the following

REPORT :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. M. Wilson, and the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.

Your Committee consider the re-election of M. W. Br. Wilson to the Oriental Chair, at the last Annual Meeting held in the City of Montreal, to have been productive of much advantage and benefit to the Order, enabling him to accomplish the prominent desire of the Brethren—"The Union of the Craft."

Your Committee rejoice that through his exertions, and the instrumentality of M. W. Brs. Harrington and Stephens, this desirable object has been unanimously and cordially effected, and that the united acclamations of the Brethren have placed him, for the fourth time, at the head of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee are aware that the Grand Master has made many personal sacrifices for the advancement of the Craft in Canada, which your Committee hope to see substantially and suitably acknowledged during the present Masonic year.

Your Committee see much cause for congratulation in the progress of Masonry in the Province; the recognition of this Grand Lodge by a largely increased number of Foreign Grand Lodges; and the able arguments of M. W. Br. Tucker, the Grand Master of Vermont, and M. W. Br. Thomas Brown, Past Grand Master of Florida; R. W. Br. Morris, of Kentucky, and W. Br. Dr. Mackay, of South Carolina, sustaining the independence and position of this Grand Lodge.

A deep debt of gratitude is due to those distinguished Brethren, and other Brothers, whose earnest and continued advocacy of the best interests of this Grand Lodge, entitle them to the lasting regard of the Canadian Brotherhood.

Your Committee also perceive much cause for congratulation at the Masonic Union recently accomplished in the State of New York, whereby the principles for which the Canadian Brethren have so long contended, namely—the undivided Sovereignty of the Craft in a Province, State, or Territory—has been fully and satisfactorily sustained. The Union of the two Grand Lodges of

the State of New York was most opportune, and tended in a great measure to encourage those fraternal feelings which lately influenced the Canadian Brethren to accomplish the Union of the Craft in this Province.

Your Committee rejoice to find that the private Lodges were in so satisfactory and flourishing a condition, with a few exceptions. Your Committee have no doubt, that the notice of the irregularities in those exceptional Lodges, coming from so high a source, will induce the Brethren to rectify those irregularities, without further delay, by following the advice and directions they have received.

Your Committee suggest that one important circumstance, in reference to the Grand Master's official visits to the private Lodges, has been omitted in the Address. Your Committee allude to the installation of the W. M. and Officers of the *Wilson Lodge*, No. 48, Toronto, on the 28th December last—the day following the Festival of St. John the Evangelist—by the Grand Master personally.

As this Lodge has been expressly constituted to commemorate and perpetuate his name, as our first Grand Master in Canada, and being principally composed of Past Masters, your Committee consider a passing notice should be taken of this interesting personal record of fraternal respect and regard.

The definition of a "Model Master," as exemplified in the Grand Master's remarks, in reference to the performance of the duties of this most important office, are earnestly recommended by your Committee to the consideration of the Brethren, as a rule by which their future actions should be governed, and in the fulfillment of which, attentive Masters will not fail to earn the suggestive title of "The Cream of the Craft."

Your Committee deeply regret that it should have devolved on them, in the discharge of what in other respects is a pleasing duty to notice, the painful and afflicting bereavement with which it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to visit the Grand Master during the past masonic year. If the condolance of the entire Craft can mitigate or alleviate deep sorrow, he may be assured of the heartfelt and cordial sympathy of the Brethren, not only in this Province, but amongst those Foreign Lodges where his exertions on behalf of the Order are known and appreciated.

Your Committee unanimously agree with the decision of the Grand Master, in reference to granting warrants to Lodges in Territories beyond this jurisdiction, and that he came to a wise conclusion in refusing the application from certain Brethren in Demerara for a dispensation to enable them to open a Lodge in that Colony.

The necessity of establishing an uniformity of work has been long admitted, and demands the careful consideration of those Brethren who have been appointed to report on this subject.

In the absence of their decision your Committee would suggest that the Grand Master be requested to add some of the distinguished brethren who have recently united with the Grand Lodge, in order that the Committee may have the benefit of their assistance and advice, prior to presenting their report.

Your Committee agree with the decision that the application to the Provincial Parliament for an Act of Incorporation is inexpedient at the present time, and would recommend that three Trustees consisting of the principal officers of the Grand Lodge should be annually appointed to take charge of and preserve the property of the Grand Lodge, and, generally, in their names as Trustees, perform any act of a business character which the Laws of the Land and the interest of the Grand Lodge may require.

In reference to the Memorial from certain persons claiming to be Masons, expressing a desire to affiliate with this Grand Lodge, your Committee recommend that it should receive the serious consideration of the Committee on Constitutions and Regulations.

The establishment of District Grand Lodges, in those parts of the Province where the Lodges are becoming sufficiently numerous as to justify a demand for a local Government, has received the anxious and serious consideration of your Committee, who have unanimously concluded that for the present the discussion of the subject should be deferred. The appointment of a Special Committee to report at the next Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge on the matter, in accordance with the Grand Master's suggestion, deserves the attention of the Grand Lodge.

The unanimous re-election of R. W. Br. T. B. Harris, as Grand Secretary, for the third time, is a sufficient proof of the estimation

in which his valuable services are held by the Grand Lodge; and your Committee, bearing in mind the increased duties of his office, would invite the attention of the Committee on Finance to the propriety of recommending a further pecuniary increase to his salary, to enable him to discharge those duties with the customary diligence and zeal.

The Union, so happily and cordially consummated since the delivery of the Grand Master's Address to the Grand Lodge, affords the Committee an opportunity of congratulating the Brethren that this desirable result has been accomplished in a constitutional and satisfactory manner, without the slightest sacrifice of position or principle by any of the Brethren.

The unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge, conferring the rank of Past Grand Masters on M. W. Brs. T. D. Harrington and W. C. Stephens—in acknowledgement of their valuable services—is a sufficient proof of the *entente cordiale* which exists amongst the Brethren, and affords an earnest that the “Union” is eternal and indissoluble.

Your Committee, in conclusion, beg to express their congratulations on the recent happy termination of all former differences amongst the Brethren; and here offer their grateful thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, that He has permitted this to be accomplished by those Brethren who, during the active discharge of the duties of the highest offices in this Grand Lodge, early promoted and perfected its establishment. It is a source of much thankfulness that all have lived to witness this consummation of their dearest wishes; and it will ensure further incitement to all the Brethren, to endeavor to carry out the ancient Charge that all should strive “Who can best work and best agree.”

KIVAS TULLY,
Chairman.

FREEMASONS' HALL, }
Toronto, July 19th, 5858. }

On motion of V. W. Br. G. W. Whitehead, seconded by V. W. Br. S. D. Fowler, the Report was received and adopted.

It was moved by W. Br. Franck, seconded by W. Br. LaSerre, and unanimously adopted,—

That whereas this Grand Lodge, being the supreme governing Body of Canada, must consider any Lodges which may be hereafter established in Canada, under any other authority, illegal,—

BE IT RESOLVED,—

That this Grand Lodge, and the subordinate Lodges working under its authority, will hold no communication with any Lodge, or Members thereof, hereafter constituted under any power other than the authority of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of W. Br. Franck, seconded by W. Br. Alport, it was

RESOLVED,—

That a Committee of three be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, to draft an Address to all the Grand Lodges on the face of the globe, setting forth the Union of Canadian Masons under one supreme head—“*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*”—and that the Committee submit their Report to the M. W. Grand Master for approval.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following to be such Committee :—M. W. Brs. W. C. Stephens, T. D. Harrington, and R.W. Br. T. B. Harris.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Thompson Wilson, seconded by R.W. Br. Scott, and adopted,—

That the question of the rights of Entered Apprentice Masons be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, and that that Committee be requested to define the 2nd clause of the Article on Private Lodges in the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Br. Kivas Tully, and adopted,—

That a copy of “The Spirit of Union,” composed by R. W. Br. Robert Morris, be sent with the Address to be prepared by the Special Committee, to all the Grand Lodges throughout the world.

On motion of V. W. Br. Crouse, seconded by V. W. Br. D. Curtis, it was unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That in consideration of the distinguished services rendered to Masonry in Canada, by our R. W. Br. Morris, D.G.M. of Kentucky, he be and is hereby elected an Honorary Member of this Grand Lodge, with the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master.

It was moved by M. W. Br. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Br. Simpson, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That a Medal be struck, commemorative of the Union of the Craft in Canada, now so happily effected; and that the M.W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a Committee to arrange the design, and get the Medal prepared previously to the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, called, about six months from this time, for the purpose of arranging the rank and precedence of Lodges and Members of Grand Lodge; and that the Committee be instructed to consider, and be prepared with some recommendation with regard to the distribution of the Medals.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following to be such Committee:—M.W. Brs. W. C. Stephens, T. D. Harrington, and R.W. Br. T. B. Harris.

V.W. Br. G. W. Whitehead gave notice that he will move, at the next Annual Communication,—

That so much of the Constitution as refers to the election of Wardens in Private Lodges, be struck out, leaving them to be appointed by the W. M. for the time being.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 5 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 6.30 o'clock, p. m.

The M.W. Grand Master, on the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

The Committee on Grievance and Appeals, to whom has been referred several documents, presented the following

REPORT:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada.

Your Committee beg to report, that the suspension by Thistle Lodge, No. 19, of Br. A. K. Dewson, for non-payment of certain monies collected by him, be confirmed and continued until he accounts for all balances due by him to the said Lodge; and until all other charges for unmasonic conduct are removed.

That the suspension of Br. James Forbes, a Member of the same Lodge, be removed, upon his paying the legal dues now owing by him to the Lodge.

That with regard to the suspension of Br. Gordon, for non-payment of a certain Note, amounting to \$46, or thereabouts, given by him to the Great Western Lodge, No. 23, your Committee recommend that Br. Gordon be permitted to pay the amount by instalments of \$2 per month, and on payment of the first instalment, the suspension be removed, and the Lodge restore him to his usual Masonic standing; but, in case of default of any instalment, the Lodge may again proceed to suspension.

Your Committee further recommend, after carefully examining the Minutes with reference to the suspension of Br. Lothrop, for unmasonic conduct, the action taken by Sussex Lodge, No. 6, be fully sustained; and they recommend that Br. Lothrop be summoned to appear before the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, to be holden in January, 1859, to show cause why he should not be expelled from all the benefits of the Order.

Your Committee further support and approve of the action taken by Sussex Lodge, No. 6, in the suspension of W. Br. Hiram Fulford, and regret to learn that any Brother, after having been duly notified of such suspension, should attempt to visit a Sister Lodge, upon the plea that suspension in one Lodge does not affect his Masonic standing in another.

Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary be requested to inform Br. Fulford of the action of this Committee, that such suspension deprives him of all his Masonic rights and privileges, until he make restitution to the Lodge, and be again restored to good Masonic standing.

GEO. W. WHITEHEAD,

Chairman.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved, that the Report be received and adopted.

On motion of V.W.Br.W.R. Harris, seconded by Br.J.H. Richey,
IT WAS RESOLVED,

That whereas certain charges having been preferred against Br. Moses Robertson Cummings, of St. Andrew's Lodge, late No.1, A. G. R. of Canada, and having been substantiated, the said Brother, after receiving due notice, was formally suspended, excluded and a recommendation was ordered to be sent to the A. G. L. for his expulsion from the privileges of Masonry;—these documents were forwarded to Br. Francis Richardson, G. S., to be brought before the Grand Lodge at its late sitting, but from an oversight it was omitted;—the object of this is now to request, on the part of the St. Andrew's Lodge, that the said charges and documents be forwarded to the Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge to investigate such charges, in order that justice may be done in the premises, and that they be requested to report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

A notice of motion was given by W. Br. J. Prosser, that at the next Annual Communication it would be moved,

That article 4, page 41, S. E., of Constitution, be amended by erasing the word "two" requiring an unanimous vote for the admission of Candidates and Members.

The following Report from the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was read :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada,

Your Committee have read with much gratification the allusions in the address of the M. W. Grand Master, as also the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, to the satisfactory advancement and present condition of the subordinate Lodges generally, in the Province, but inasmuch as these reports are necessarily confined and refer only to the working of the Lodges previously under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, your Committee feel that to enable them to present a satisfactory Report on the important subject submitted for their consideration, it will be necessary that they be furnished with similar returns as to the present state and working of the subordinate Lodges heretofore attached to the late Antient Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore recommend that application be made to the officers of the late Antient Grand Lodge for the necessary information to enable them to present a report comprehending the whole of the Lodges now affiliated with this Grand Lodge, and that they be permitted to present their report to the special communication of Grand Lodge, to be called at six months from this date, for finally arranging matters connected with the Union.

GEO. W. WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*
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The Report was, on motion, received and adopted.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following

R E P O R T:

To the Grand Lodge of Canada:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, and stating that the Union so auspiciously completed having entirely changed the circumstances under which many of the numerous subjects involved in their report were considered, and the sitting of this communication of Grand Lodge not affording time for its revision, requested leave to withdraw it and submit the following, briefly to acknowledge the receipt at the office of the Grand Secretary, during the past Masonic year, of copies of proceedings from the M. W. the Grand Lodges of Arkansas, Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, Wisconsin; also, from the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to state, that early in January last, the Grand Secretary mailed to each Grand Lodge in the United States a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its formation, and which, it is hoped, have all in due course reached their destination.

The correspondence of M. W. Br. Harrington with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, having been referred to this Committee, it is recommended—in view of the hope that the union this day effected may be followed by such action on the part of the Grand Lodge of England as may, in a great measure, render unnecessary any further discussion on many of the points therein contained—that further consideration of the correspondence be deferred, but the same having been printed in England by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, for the information of that Grand Lodge, it is also recommended that it be received and printed as part of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

JOHN OSBORNE,
Chairman.

Copy of the correspondence referred to in the foregoing Report, between the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, and M.W. Br. T. D. Harington :—

“FREEMASONS’ HALL, LONDON,
“10th June, 1858.

“R.W. SIR AND BROTHER :

“I have laid before the M. W. Grand Master your letter received in May, and have taken his Lordship’s instructions thereon. In reply, I have to point to you, that your first courteous and Masonic communication received from the M. W. Grand Master a carefully-considered and deliberate reply. Not satisfied with that reply, you forwarded a very lengthy communication, in which you sought to controvert the judgment of the Grand Master ; in which you introduced passages from Magazines, which were couched in objectionable and offensive terms ; and in which you referred to authoritics unknown and unrecognised here ; but in which you alleged no new facts which either required notice or could justify the M. W. Grand Master in altering his expressed opinion.

“In your present letter, containing a series of errors and misconceptions which are almost inexplicable, you complain ‘that the Province of Canada West cannot now command more than a dozen lines.’

Permit me to point out to you that since, by your own voluntary act, you have severed yourself from the Province of Canada West, you have no claim or title to represent its interests as a part of the Grand Lodge, or, in such capacity, to demand even a reply—that the Lodges and Brethren who now form that Province, do command and do receive every attention, and every support, from the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, which Brethren under their circumstances so well deserve ; and that frequent and important communications are received from, and made to, them : the former not unfrequently containing grievous complaints of their having been kept in the dark by their former officials in Canada ; and, especially, of the communication of the M. W. Grand Master of March, 1857, having been suppressed or withheld from their knowledge, until after they had been induced to surrender their Warrants.

“You have made your choice, whether you would represent a Province holding under the Grand Lodge of England, or that of an independent and separate body. You cannot claim to be regarded in both capacities ; and when you ask how you could legally throw off your allegiance, you cannot seriously expect that any one could point out to you where, in the Book of Constitutions, a

law is to be found which would justify Brethren in placing themselves *above* the law.

" You appear to be still in error with regard to certain Masonic publications. I have to repeat that the only authority possessed by them is *the permission to publish* certain reports of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, *upon the responsibility of the publisher as to their accuracy*—they are the private speculations of individuals—they are under no other control—and it is imagined, that a very slight examination of their contents would be sufficient to show that neither the Grand Master or the Executive are responsible for, or are represented in, any of the articles which they contain.

" It was observed with pain, that in your letter of the first of February, you expressed an opinion that the Grand Lodge of England was guided in its dealings with its Canadian Brethren by mercenary considerations; and you now refer to this subject again, in more particular terms, in the following words:—' In the ' first place, then, we read with satisfaction, of successful candidates ' for Masonic Annuities in England, and we are glad that our ' unfortunate Brethren are secured from poverty and distress. ' We read, also, of indigent Brethren, and Widows of Freemasons, ' being safely housed in a Masonic Asylum, and again we are ' rejoiced. We read, also, of orphan children of Freemasons being ' educated and provided for, and once again are our hearts ' gladdened. Now, it must be borne in mind, that the Colonies ' help to swell the funds necessary to secure the above-named ' blessings; but what chance have they in any way of securing to a ' candidate, whose claims they might urge, a successful result? ' None. It would be absurd to propose a Candidate, for our ' Lodges are not represented in Grand Lodge at all. In the second ' place, thousands of emigrants land on our shores, and it is no ' exaggeration to say that hundreds among them are Freemasons. ' Many require help and encouragement. They get both. But ' there is no denying the fact, that we send no distress back to ' England, and consequently we are taxed two-fold.'

" Upon the latter part of this statement I would first remark, that whilst I admit the probability of the assertion that many hundreds of emigrants apply for relief to Canadian Lodges, and are treated there with a kindness and generosity honorable and becoming to our Canadian Brethren, that I have strong grounds to believe that applications from *English* Masons are exceedingly rare; and I have further to remark, that you are in serious error when you assert that you are taxed two-fold, inasmuch as the Canadian Lodges do not, and are not required, to contribute to the Fund of Benevolence—to which Fund every Mason in this

country is compelled to subscribe, and from which Masons of *all countries* are eligible to receive, and do receive, relief in their distress.

" As regards the Charities of this country, and your assertion that the Colonies help to swell the funds by which their blessings are secured, permit me to inform you that—with the exception of an annual sum of £150 each granted by the Grand Lodge to the Boys' and Girls' Schools—there is no fund, to which the Colonies contribute, by which these Charities are maintained.

" Their freeholds, their noble buildings, and their funded property, were acquired through the liberality of individual Lodges and Masons. And so they were established so are they maintained—an honor and a credit to the Order—by the generosity of *individuals*. As the result of the spontaneous liberality of the Brethren, they are justly under the control, not of Grand Lodge—which has no power to interfere in their management—but of the individual Governors and Subscribers who have established them, and who receive as eligible for admittance all who comply with the regulations laid down for their government; and I am quite sure that, such regulations complied with, the respective Committees cheerfully welcome to the benefits of their Charities any distressed Canadian Mason, his widow or his child.

" The evident error and misconception under which you labor, and the circulation which you have given to such erroneous statements by printing and publishing your letters, even before they have reached the hands of the Grand Master, compels me, though unwillingly, to draw your attention to these facts; and, in justice to the Brotherhood here—who are held up to reprobation as being actuated by selfish motives—to add, that although some small contributions (in the whole not amounting to £10) have been received from other Provinces in Canada, that *from all the individual Masons, and from all the Lodges in Canada West, there has never been received one farthing in aid of the Masonic Charities of this country.*

" If it were necessary to advance any further refutation of the statement that mercenary motives have guided the Grand Lodge of England, or have weighed with her in endeavoring to remedy past difficulties, and still to maintain a Masonic Union between Canada and the Mother Country, it would only be necessary to say that, out of sixty-three Lodges registered in the books of the Grand Lodge of England as existing in Canada West, *a majority have never made any return, or contributed in any way to its funds since their Warrants were granted—and of these the Warrants even of many were granted without the payment of fees.* And I may add, that looking to the gross total of all monies received from Canada West by the Grand Lodge of England, the amount

is so inconsiderable as not to deserve notice; and it would not be difficult to name many London Lodges—the contributions of any one of which to Grand Lodge and its Charities, *during the last ten years only*—would *very much exceed the total receipts from all the Lodges in all Canada West, from the period of their formation to the present moment.*

“ With these facts before you, I think that you will feel some regret at having hazarded so rash and so ungenerous an assertion, calculated not alone to mislead your Canadian Brethren, but to wound the feelings and impugn the liberality of the Brethren here.

“ Lastly, I have only to remark, that had Sir Allan McNab resigned his appointment (as you did) on the severance of his allegiance in September last; or had he, during his lengthened stay in London, taken the opportunity of doing so, the M.W. Grand Master would have been spared the disagreeable necessity of superceding him in the February following.

“ I have the honor to be,
 “ R. W. Sir and Brother,
 “ Yours fraternally,
 “ WM. GRAY CLARKE, G. S.”

“ T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, Esq.,
 “ &c. &c. &c.
 “ Toronto.”

“ TORONTO, CANADA, 10th July, 1858.

“ V. W. SIR AND BROTHER,

“ I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 10th ult., written under instructions from the M. W. Grand Master. On the 14th instant, the two Grand Lodges, now exercising separate jurisdictions in this Province, will meet for the purpose of consummating the Union of the Canadian Craft under one supreme authority, and there is happily every prospect that this most desirable event will then take place. As your letter affects the character of the Fraternity throughout this extensive Territory very materially, I shall feel it to be my duty to move that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in order that its various items may receive due consideration, and be reported upon to Grand Lodge. Your assertion startled me, and I think it will astonish others, viz: ‘that out of sixty-three Lodges registered in the books of the Grand Lodge of England as existing in Canada West, a majority have never made any return, or contributed in any way to its funds,’ since their Warrants were granted, and of these the

' Warrants even of many were granted without the payment of ' fees ;' and ' that from all the individual Masons, and from all ' the Lodges in Canada West, there has never been received one ' farthing in aid of the Masonic Charities of this Country.'—
The passages are underlined by you.

" As regards myself—for your letter is very personal, and you will pardon my adding, that it bears *prima facie* evidence of its being intended principally to evoke the sympathy of the English Provincial Lodges, who have for some time past evinced their dissatisfaction with the management of Masonic affairs at Head Quarters, as evidenced by the Periodicals so greatly decried by you—I feel it necessary to state,

" 1st,—That I quoted passages from the Magazine, because the M. W. Grand Master asserted that what has occurred in Canada arose from dissensions among ourselves, and not particularly from neglect in England ; and I wished to bring prominently to his notice, that (if for no other reasons) we were justified in claiming the right of independent government by that very dissatisfaction of Brethren who, from their proximity to the fountain head, could hardly fall into error as to the necessity of some great radical change in Masonic affairs and government.

" 2nd,—I published my correspondence by request of my Brethren here, and I acquainted the M. W. Grand Master of my intention to do so, in order that they might understand and have knowledge of all that is taking place, inasmuch as the M. W. Grand Master had propounded the doctrine, that when documents were addressed to him, Grand Lodge had nothing to do with them—a doctrine that the Craft at this distance never could contemplate and certainly would not subscribe to. I will add, that this decision of his, influenced me in resigning my appointment of Provincial Grand Master. The Book of Constitutions declares that, '*In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft*, &c.'

" 3rd,—The Canadian Craft desired the deliberate decision of the Grand Lodge of England—not the opinion of the M. W. Grand Master.

" 4th,—The M. W. Grand Master's letter of March, 1857, was not suppressed, but is printed at length in the published proceedings, a copy of which I transmitted to you with my resignation of office, and its tenor was known to the Brethren at the time they confirmed the concluding sentence of their Memorial, in which they state that the time for concessions had passed, and nothing but absolute independent government would satisfy their wants and condition.

" 5th,—I deny that my letter of the 14th April last contains a series of errors and misconceptions. I did not say ' that the

'Province of *Canada West* cannot command more than a dozen 'lines,' but that 'this important Province,' &c., meaning Canada. There is no Grand Lodge of Canada West.

"6th,—I have not severed myself from Canada West. On the contrary, I never was so closely connected with it as at this moment; and such is the gratifying confidence reposed in me and my motives, that I am deputed to arrange for the union of the Craft on the part of the Antient Grand Lodge of Canada, and have reason to believe that my appointment has given satisfaction to the fraternity generally.

"7th,—Mercenary motives have never been imputed to the Grand Lodge of England in its dealings with Canadian Brethren. I have stated that '*money*' and '*obedience*' have been the principal results derived from their connexion therewith; but it was well known that I alluded to the indifference that communications met with at the hands of the Executive, (your own office, I should say,) unless they contained remittances.

"8th,—I am not ignorant of the generosity of English Freemasons, or of the establishment of their magnificent Charities, their maintenance, &c. You are not better informed on the subject than we are on this side of the Atlantic, and yet I must take the liberty of reiterating that the Colonies are taxed two-fold. They transmit funds to you, and send no distress to the Old Country, although much reaches them. When we speak of '*England*' here, we mean the British Kingdom.

"9th,—Nothing that has been written can be properly tortured into '*the Brotherhood in England being held up to reprobation as being actuated by selfish motives*,' as your letter states; but allow us to look on the other side of the picture, and ask you, if the M. W. Grand Master instructed you to write, and to convey emphasis by underlining your words, 'that, looking to the gross 'total of all monies received from Canada West, by the Grand 'Lodge of England, the amount is so inconsiderable as not to 'deserve notice; and it would not be difficult to name many 'London Lodges, the contributions of any one of which to Grand 'Lodge and its Charities, during the past ten years only, would 'very much exceed the total receipts from all the Lodges in Canada 'West from the period of their formation to the present moment.'— You must have lost sight of the emigration from the Old Country to these shores; and I beg to state from personal knowledge and experience, that the necessitous emigrant Brethren from England have been pretty equal in number to those from other portions of the Empire. If you will be so good as to refer to the M.W. Grand Master's letter of March, 1857, you will there see that the reduction of fees was one of *his* proposed concessions; and I only alluded at all to money matters in justice to the Canadian

Fraternity, who have attached little or no importance thereto, when asserting their claim to self-government.

“ Finally,—I can feel no such regret as you hint at, because I have ‘not hazarded any rash and ungenerous assertions, calculated ‘not alone to mislead my Canadian Brethren but to wound the ‘feelings and impugn the liberality of the Brethren in England.’ I would do neither, if I could; and it is a comfort to me to be able to announce, that I have received the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec since my resignation, accompanied by a most fraternal letter from my successor in that District, and that however we may differ at present, my honest motives are appreciated.

“ Rest assured, V.W. Sir and Brother, that the Canadian Craft will have a lasting and sincere affection for their Mother Grand Lodges, and that we hope and will strive to be on terms of the most close and satisfactory communion with them; but we are not blinded to the present condition of affairs at the fountain-head. True and reliable information reaches us in the same way that it does the English Provinces at Home; and it is impossible to disguise the plain fact, that although we have been *in theory* governed by the Grand Lodge of England, *practically* we have been under the immediate control of the M. W. Grand Master and a small body of London Brethren.

“ Depend upon it that the English Freemasons have no more attached friends than the Canadian Craft; but the latter are the true judges of the causes of their past disabilities, and of their present and future practical wants and requisite remedies; and they are too numerous and (I write advisedly) intellectual a body to be turned from what they consider their true *Masonic* course of conduct by hard words or official assertions, and the M. W. Grand Master is more likely to perpetuate disunion than to banish discord, by instructing the Grand Secretary to adopt the extraordinary tone of your last letter.

“ We cannot point to a better precedent for the establishment of a Canadian Grand Lodge than the present Grand Lodge of England, its organization in 1717, and the historical facts appertaining to that period. No one in Canada can possibly intend or imagine disrespect to the Earl of Zetland personally. Most certainly I could not, who am indebted to him for having once filled a high and very responsible Masonic office.

“ I beg to remain, V.W. Sir and Brother,
“ Yours fraternally,

“ T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

“ Past P. G. Master, &c.

“ P. S.—I find that I have neglected to notice the reason you offer for Sir Allan McNab’s so-called removal from office. If you

will have the goodness to recall the circumstances to your mind, you will remember that he had no opportunity, after reaching England, of tendering his formal resignation to the M. W. Grand Master, as your letter of removal being in readiness, was put into his hands at the first interview you had with him.

"Presuming that your last letter will be laid before Grand Lodge for general information, I have no doubt that you will acknowledge the propriety of treating this, my reply, in the same open way, as positive charges are brought against us. It will be my duty to place the communications before the Brethren here, as all former ones have been." "T. D. H."

"V.W. Br. Wm. GRAY CLARKE, Esq.,
"Grand Secretary."

The following Report from the Standing Committee on Finance was read :—

R E P O R T.

To the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada :

The Committee on Finance have to Report, that your Committee have taken into consideration that portion of the Report of the Committee appointed on the M. W. the Grand Master's Address, in reference to the remuneration to the Grand Secretary for his services during the year, recommend that, in consideration of the increased duties of the office consequent on the addition of forty-five Lodges to the Register by the recent Union, the sum of Fifty Pounds be voted to the Grand Secretary for the ensuing year, making the salary attached to the office to amount in all to the sum of Two Hundred Pounds.

Your Committee would also recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue a circular to the Worshipful Masters of the private Lodges of this jurisdiction, requesting them to enforce prompt payment of the dues payable to each Lodge by the Members.

Your Committee also recommend that the sum of Ten Pounds be paid to Br. Joseph Cornick, member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, as soon as the Grand Treasurer has sufficient funds in his hands for the purpose, after payment of the debts due by this Grand Lodge for current expenses.

KIVAS TULLY, *Chairman.*

On motion of V.W. Br. Fowler, seconded by V. W. Br. W. R. Harris, the Report was received and adopted.

Grand Secretary's Account Current.

THOMAS B. HARRIS, *in Account with the Grand Lodge of Canada, from the 10th July, A. L. 5857, to the 14th July, A. L. 5858.*

No.		Dr.
1.	Amount from Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal,	\$ 43.00
2.	" Niagara Lodge, Niagara..	12.38
3.	" Barton Lodge, Hamilton..	121.50
4.	" Union Lodge, Grimsby.....	29.00
5.	" Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe.....	24.00
6.	" Sussex Lodge, Brockville	25.00
8.	" Golden Rule Lodge, Stanstead.....	20.25
9.	" St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.....	94.00
10.	" Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton	31.00
11.	" Nelson Lodge, Henryville	45.50
13.	" St. George's Lodge, Montreal	26.00
15.	" Zetland Lodge, Montreal	40.00
16.	" King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto	154.00
17.	" Strict Observance, Hamilton	55.88
19.	" Thistle Lodge, Amherstburgh.....	42.25
20.	" St. John's Lodge, Hamilton	58.13
21.	" St. Thomas's Lodge, St. Thomas.....	28.75
22.	" Brant Lodge, Brantford.....	15.50
24.	" Wellington Lodge, Dunnville	46.50
25.	" Shefford Lodge, Waterloo.....	14.00
26.	" Vaughan Lodge, Maple	28.23
27.	" Harmony Lodge, Binbrook	19.75
28.	" Wellington Lodge, Stratford.....	2.00
29.	" Hoyle Lodge, LaColle.....	7.00
31.	" St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.....	25.00
32.	" Kilwinning Lodge, London.....	91.52
33.	" Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto	83.37
36.	" St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.....	19.00
37.	" King Lodge, King.....	38.00
38.	" Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke	29.00
39.	" Alma Lodge, Galt.....	46.62
41.	" St. James's Lodge, Maitland	17.25
41.	" King Hiram Lodge, Tillsonburg	46.50
42.	" Albion Lodge, Newbury.....	36.50
43.	" St. John's Lodge, Delaware	61.00
45.	" Beaver Lodge, Strathroy	45.00
46.	" Clinton Lodge, Clinton	53.38
48.	" Wilson Lodge, Toronto	22.00
49.	" St. James's Lodge, St. Mary's	12.88
"	Markham Union Lodge,Unionville, Dispensation	20.00
"	Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, Warrant.....	30.00
"	" " " Dues.....	39.18
"	Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, Dispensation	20.00
"	St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, Warrant	30.00
"	Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Dispensation.....	20.00
"	" " " Dues.....	7.00
"	Valley Lodge, Dundas, Dispensation.....	20.00
"	Iron Duke Lodge, Arthur, Dispensation	20.00
Carried forward,		<hr/> \$1816.82

Grand Secretary's Account Current—CONTINUED.

	Dr.
Amount brought forward,	\$1816.82
Amount from Mount Brydges' Lodge, Mount Brydges, Dispensation	20.00
" Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharine, Warrant.....	30.00
" St. John's Lodge, Norwichville, Dispensation	20.00
" St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, Dispensation...	20.00
" Burford Lodge, Burford, Warrant	30.00
" St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, Dispensation..	20.00
" Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo, Dispensation	20.00
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	\$1976.82
By Contra,—Paid for Postages, Telegraphs, Express, and Sundries....	\$ 280.02
Paid Grand Treasurer.....	1381.95
Balance in Grand Secretary's hands..	314.85
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	\$1976.82

THOS. B. HARRIS,
Grand Secretary.

HAMILTON, July, 1858.

Examined and found correct.

WM. G. CRAWFORD, }
JOHN F. McCUAIG, } *Auditors.*

Dr. Grand Lodge of Canada, in Account Current with William Bellhouse, Grand Treasurer. Cr.

	\$ Cts.	\$ Cts.	\$ Cts.	\$ Cts.
1857.				
July 18.—To Cash per Smiley & Gillespie..	167 55		1857.	
“ To do. per Wm. Bellhouse & Co.	18 25		July 3.—By balance on hand, £181 2 7 C.Y.	724.52
“ 23.—To do.	1.25		1858.	
	187.05		Jan. 22.—By Cash per T. B. Harris	18.00
Sept'r. 7.—To Cash paid T. B. Harris, per J. Osborne's Order	200.00		“ “ “ “	37.88
“ 18.—To Cash paid T. B. Harris's draft in favor of S. Browning	158.00		June 21.—By “ “	173.83
“ 19.—To Cash paid John Burgess	7.23		“ By Pro. Note St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley	30.00
Oct'r. 27.—To Cash paid John Morrison. 1858.	.....	365.23	July 10.—By Cash per T. B. Harris	203.83
	10.00		“ 13.—By do.	882.24
Jan'y 22.—To Cash paid Charles Lockle Mar. 26.—To Cash paid T. B. Harris's draft in favor Maclear & Co. ....	.....	18.00		240.00
		99.00		
June 10.—To Cash paid Wm. Bellhouse & Co. ....	.....	3.35		
July 1.—To Cash paid J. W. Baine	1.88			
10.—To Cash paid T. B. Harris.....	600.00			
“ To Cash paid Agency collecting Cheques	0.50			
“ 14.—To Balance carried down .....	.....	821.46		
			\$ 2106.47	

July 14.—By Balance brought over.....

\$ 2106.47

WILLIAM BELLHOUSE, *Grand Treasurer.*JOHN F. McCUAIG,
WM. G. CRAWFORD, *{ Auditors.*Audited and found correct.
HAMILTON, 15th July, 1858.
TORONTO, 15th July, 1858.

M. W. Br. T. D. Harington presented the Grand Lodge with a handsomely bound book, containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada and of the Antient Grand Lodge, up to the 14th day of July, 1858.

It was moved by M. W. Br. W. C. Stephens, seconded by R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the Book, containing highly interesting matter, kindly and considerately prepared and presented to the Grand Lodge by M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, be accepted, and the best thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Br. Harington for this valuable present.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge a volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, from 1808, its formation, to 1847, inclusive, which had been forwarded during the past year by that Grand Body, with their fraternal regards.

It was, on motion,

RESOLVED,—

That the best thanks of this Grand Lodge be offered to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for this early mark of their friendship and brotherly esteem, and trust that the bond of social intercourse so favorably commenced will ever continue.

The Grand Secretary was directed by the M. W. Grand Master, to correspond with the W. M. of Jacques Cartier Lodge, No. 34, Montreal, calling on him to show cause why its Warrant of Constitution should not be cancelled.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to add the names of the undermentioned Brethren to the Committee on Uniformity of Work, viz: M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, R. W. Brs. S. B. Harman, F. W. Barron, and F. Richardson.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, R. W. Br. F. W. Cumberland, and V. W. Br. W. R. Harris, a Committee to make the necessary alteration in the Provincial Grand Lodge Clothing, and to have it ready by the Special Communication of Grand Lodge.

On motion of R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by V. W. Br. H. B. Bostwick, and adopted, the Grand Secretary was directed to prepare a cheap edition of the Constitution for immediate circulation.

It was moved by W. Br. Charles Kahn, seconded by W. Br. Franck, and adopted,—

That whereas it is especially desirable that a careful and correct transcript of the very interesting and important proceedings of the present Session, be prepared for publication,—

IT IS RESOLVED,—

That the M.W. the Grand Master be requested to appoint a Special Committee to superintend the preparation and printing of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, for the present Communication, for distribution among the Sister Grand Lodges and our own subordinate Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren to be such Committee:—M. W. Brs. T. D. Harington and W. C. Stephens, R. W. Brs. Richard Bull, F. W. Cumberland, and T. B. Harris, and V.W. Br. W. R. Harris.

On motion of Br. Garratt, seconded by R. W. Br. Brown, and adopted,—

That whereas an application having been made to this Grand Lodge, sanctioned by a Resolution from St. John's Lodge, No. 14, from Br. J.W. Kermott, praying for a re-consideration in the case of his expulsion by this Grand Lodge,—

BE IT RESOLVED,—

That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to direct St. John's Lodge, No. 14, accordingly, and to report at the Special Communication.

It was moved by M. W. Br. Harington, and seconded by V.W. Br. Whitehead, and

RESOLVED,—

That all unfinished business be completed at the Especial Communication, to be called for the re-numbering of Lodges, &c. &c. &c.

The Grand Lodge having completed its labors, was closed in Ample Form, with solemn prayer.

[ATTEST.]



THOMAS B. HARRIS,
Grand Secretary.

R E T U R N S
OF
S U B O R D I N A T E L O D G E S,
RENDERED 24TH JUNE, 5858.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, MONTREAL, C. E.

Stated Meeting—First Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. W. Br.	R. A. Malcolm.....	W. M.
R. W. "	E. Morris.....	P. M.
"	Philip Henry	S. W.
"	William Bower.....	J. W.
"	G. Reinhardt.....	Treasurer.
"	William Withy	Secretary.
Number of Members		41.

NIAGARA LODGE, No. 2, NIAGARA, C.W.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br.	W. G. F. Downes.....	W. M.
" "	Robert M. Wilson.....	P. M.
"	G. J. Miller	S. W.
"	R. M. Wilson	J. W.
"	John Hall	Treasurer.
"	Benjamin Simpson.....	Secretary.
Number of Members		40.

BARTON LODGE, No. 3, HAMILTON, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. W. Br.	C. Magill.....	W. M.
" "	H. B. Bull.....	P. M.
"	Michael Ruttle.....	S. W.
"	Hubbard Davis	J. W.
"	Milton Davis.....	Treasurer.
"	William Irwin.....	Secretary.
Number of Members		91.

UNION LODGE, No. 4, GRIMSBY, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Thursday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John S. Walker	W. M.
R. " " F. J. Lundy	P. M.
" Dougald C. Macmillan ..	S. W.
" William Fitch	J. W.
" Andrew G. Mair	Treasurer.
" Macdonald Bridges	Secretary.
Number of Members	51.

NORFOLK LODGE, No. 5, SIMCOE, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Thursday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Henry Groff	W. M.
V. " " Henry Crouse	P. M.
" Daniel Matthews	S. W.
" Amos N. Merritt	J. W.
" George Jackson	Treasurer.
" John McF. Wilson	Secretary.
Number of Members	44.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 6, BROCKVILLE, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Wednesday on or preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. F. N. Holmes	W. M.
" Thomas Camm	P. M.
" William L. Morris	S. W.
" James L. Lawder	J. W.
" John McElhenney	Treasurer.
R. W. " Samuel Ross	Secretary.
Number of Members	37.

PREVOST LODGE, No. 7, DUNHAM, C. E.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

[No Returns for the past year.]

GOLDEN RULE LODGE, No. 8, STANSTEAD, C. E.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

R. W. Br. E. Gustin	W. M.
V. " " H. J. Martin	P. M.
" W. B. Colby	S. W.
" Wm. Fawrell	J. W.
" Franklin Mack	Treasurer
" S. W. Wyman	Secretary.
Number of Members	43.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 9, ST. CATHARINES, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Wm. Poe	W. M.
" Andrew Henderson	S. W.
" George Scott	J. W.
" Aseal Roberts	Treasurer.
" C. H. Powell	Secretary.
Number of Members	75.

PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 10, PICTON, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Thursday preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Charles W. Andrews	W. M.
" Charles Smith	P. M.
" John W. Geomans	S. W.
" Harvey E. Bowles	J. W.
" Wm. Dougall	Treasurer.
" John W. Ramsay	Secretary.
Number of Members	31.

NELSON LODGE, No. 11, HENRYVILLE, C. E.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Jesse Patterson	W. M.
" George W. Johnson	P. M.
" George W. Parker	S. W.
" Robert Wright	J. W.
" H. E. Warner	Treasurer.
" James N. Taylor	Secretary.
Number of Members	17.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 12, ST. ANDREWS, C. E.
 [No Returns.]

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 13, MONTREAL, C. E.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

R. W. Br. A. Bernard	W. M.
" " " P. D. Brown	P. M.
" G. H. Macauley	S. W.
" A. A. Stevenson	J. W.
" David Moss	Treasurer.
" T. F. Dutton	Secretary.
Number of Members	28.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 14, LONDON, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Second Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Thomas Francis	W. M.
R. " " James Moffatt	P. M.
" Edward Garratt	S. W.
" Edwin Heathfield	J. W.
" Thomas Allen	Treasurer.
V.W. " A. S. Abbott	Secretary.
Number of Members	105.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 15, MONTREAL, C. E.

Stated Meeting—Second Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. William Reed	W. M.
R. " " J. H. Isaacson	P. M.
" Dr. Fenwick	S. W.
" Edward Himes	J. W.
" E. Moss	Treasurer.
" Alfred Brooke	Secretary.
Number of Members	40.

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 16, TORONTO, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Second Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

R. W. Br. Wm. Henry Miller	W. M.
" " James E. Smith.....	P. M.
" H. J. Gear	S. W.
" Alexander M. Munro	J. W.
" Thomas Saulter	Treasurer.
" Charles Pollock.....	Secretary.
Number of Members	116.

LODGE OF STRICT OBSERVANCE, No. 17, HAMILTON.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. S. G. Patton	W. M.
R. " Richard Bull	P. M.
" James S. Rogerson.....	S.W.
V. " Henry Grist	J.W.
" Richard Benner	Treasurer.
" Dwight Benedict	Secretary.
Number of Members	60.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 18, CAYUGA, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

[No Returns since last year.]

THISTLE LODGE, No. 19, AMHERSTBURGH, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John E. Kolfage.....	W. M.
V. " Wm. Bungey.....	P. M.
" John W. Risdall	S.W.
" Thomas H. Brush	J. W.
" James Gort	Treasurer.
" Henry Mears.....	Secretary.
Number of Members	39.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 20, HAMILTON, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Third Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris	W. M.
" " W. G. Crawford	P. M.
" C. S. Chittenden	S. W.
" T. C. Sterling	J. W.
" John F. McCuaig	Treasurer.
" Thomas McCracken	Secretary.
Number of Members	50.

ST. THOMAS LODGE, No. 21, ST. THOMAS.

Stated Meeting—First Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Henry Caldwell	W. M.
" " Thomas D. Warren	P. M.
" St. Geo. Caulfield	S. W.
" Thos. B. Hart	J. W.
" Daniel Harvey	Treasurer.
" Geo. W. Morgan	Secretary.
Number of Members	42.

BRANT LODGE, No. 22, Brantford, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Geo. W. Malloch	W. M.
V. " " Reg. Henwood	P. M.
" Mathew Pruyn	S. W.
" John Orr	J. W.
" Henry Yardington	Treasurer.
" Thos. Cheeseman	Secretary.
Number of Members	61

GREAT WESTERN LODGE, No. 23, WINDSOR.

Stated Meeting—Thursday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Geo. Duncan	W. M.
V. " " Thos. Perkins	P. M.
" Alexander McFarlane	S. W.
" Thos. Higgins	J. W.
" W. B. Hirons	Treasurer.
" Jas. F. Boddy	Secretary.
Number of Members	52.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 24, DUNNVILLE, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Monday preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Saml. Cornick	W. M.
V. " " Daniel McSwain	P. M.
" Samuel Braund	J. W.
" Walter Brown	J. W.
" Br. Matthew Gosh	Treasurer.
" Wm. Alex. McCrae	Secretary.
Number of Members	41.

SHEFFORD LODGE, No. 25, WATERLOO, C.E.

Stated Meeting—First Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. A. B. Parmelee	W. M.
" M. Mitchell	P. M.
" J. D. Parsonage	S. M.
" A. F. Loy	J. W.
" H. L. Robinson	Treasurer.
" Geo. C. Robinson	Secretary.
Number of Members	15.

VAUGHAN LODGE, No. 26, MAPLE, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. James Dick	W. M.
" James Woods	P. M.
" Robert Moore	S. W.
" John Cousins	J. W.
" Joseph Noble	Treasurer.
" Joseph Ingram	Secretary.
Number of Members	28.

HARMONY LODGE, BINBROOK, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Monday after the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John Brown	W. M.
" Jeremiah Taylor	P. M.
" J. Taylor	S. W.
" Robert Dalgelish	J. W.
" John Staples	Treasurer.
" J. Brown	Secretary.
Number of members	12.

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WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 28, STRATFORD.

Stated Meeting—First and Third Thursday's of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. R. H. Lee	W. M.
“ “ A. B. Orr	P. M.
“ Worsley Ebbs	Secretary.
Number of Members	28.

HOYLE LODGE, No. 29, LACOLLE, C. E.

Stated Meeting—Second Tuesday in every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Robert Douglas	W. M.
“ “ Thos. Kemp	P. M.
“ W. H. Vanolick	S. W.
“ W. H. Waldon	J. W.
“ Henry Wilson	Treasurer.
“ Dr. T. S. Haynes	Secretary.
Number of Members	13.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 30, HAMILTON, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Third Friday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

V. W. Br. Dr. Thos. Duggan	W. M.
M. “ “ W. C. Stephens	P. M.
V. “ “ F. J. Rastrick	S. W.
“ C. J. Brydges	J. W.
R. “ “ William Bellhouse	Treasurer.
“ Dr. F. Henwood	Secretary.
Number of Members	20.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 31, CALEDONIA, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Zacheus B. Choate	W. M.
“ “ W. A. Spooner	P. M.
“ Joseph B. Choate	S. W.
“ John Palmer	J. W.
“ Joseph Cornick	Treasurer.
“ James B. Holden	Secretary.
Number of Members	31.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 32, LONDON, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Third Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. F. W. Thomas	W. M.
“ William Muir	P. M.
“ Dougal McInnes	S. W.
“ P. T. Worthington	J. W.
“ J. H. Flock	Treasurer.
“ T. R. Westcott	Secretary.
Number of Members	49.

ROHOBOAM LODGE, No. 33, TORONTO, C.W.

Stated Meeting—First Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

V. W. Br. W. H. Pardey	W. M.
“ “ E. R. O'Brien	P. M.
“ George P. Lauder	S. W.
“ H. S. Weatherley	J. W.
“ John Maughan	Treasurer.
“ Donough O'Brien	Secretary.
Number of Members	43.

JACQUES CARTIER LODGE, No. 34, MONTREAL, C. E.

Stated Meeting—Third Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

[No Returns since 1856.]

ST. FRANCIS LODGE, No. 35, MELBOURNE, C. E.

Stated Meeting—First Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. George H. Napier	W. M.
V. “ W. H. Fowler	P. M.
“ William Atkins	S. W.
“ Henry A. Wilde	J. W.
“ William C. Tait	Treasurer.
“ Stephen B. Dean	Secretary.
Number of Members	22.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 36, INGERSOLL, C. W.

Stated Meeting—First Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John Patterson	W. M.
“ “ John Galliford	P. M.
“ “ Burton Bennett	S. W.
“ John McDonald	J. W.
“ Wm. J. Root	Treasurer.
“ Geo. A. Cameron	Secretary.
Number of Members	28.

KING LODGE, No. 37, KING, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Friday, on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Joseph A. Fisher	W. M.
“ Joseph Smelsor	S. W.
“ William Watson	J. W.
“ Isaac Dennis	Treasurer.
“ Robert W. Hillary	Secretary.
Number of Members	31.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 38, SHERBROOKE, C.E.

Stated Meeting—Second Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. A. P. Bell	W. M.
“ H. S. Machin	P. M.
“ A. C. Goss	S. W.
“ John Hollowell	J. W.
“ H. S. Machin	Treasurer.
“ R. L. Harvey	Secretary.
Number of Members	25.

ALMA LODGE, No. 39, GALT, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Third Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Æmelius Irving	W. M.
“ Norman Booth	P. M.
“ John Davidson	S. W.
“ O. Klotz	J. W.
“ Wm. Cooke	Treasurer.
“ W. F. A. Shearson	Secretary.
Number of Members	36.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

ST. JAMES LODGE, No. 40, MAITLAND, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Monday on or nearest Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Geo. C. Longley	W. M.
“ William Garvey	S. W.
“ Jno. Morey	J. W.
“ James Howard	Treasurer.
“ David Maxwell	Secretary.
Number of Members	12.

KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 41, TILSONBURGH, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Last Wednesday of every Month.

OFFICFRS.

W. Br. John M. Ault	W. M.
“ Thos. Hardy	P. M.
“ Peter Taylor	S. W.
“ Charles Ford	J. W.
“ Roger Olmstead	Treasurer.
“ Thomas Harris	Secretary.
Number of Members	26.

ALBION LODGE, No. 42, NEWBURY, C. W.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Amos A. Wright	W. M.
“ Daniel Graves	P. M.
“ Wm. F. More	S. W.
“ George C. Secord	J. W.
“ George Smith	Treasurer.
“ Samuel A. Haight	Secretary.
Number of Members	30.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 43, DELAWARE, C. W.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

V. W. Br. John Dutton	W. M.
“ Andrew Henwood	S. W.
“ Wm. Livingston	J. W.
“ C. S. Harris	Treasurer.
“ C. J. Ladd	Secretary.
Number of Members	24.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 44, PARIS, C. W.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

[No Returns for the past year.]

BEAVER LODGE, No. 45, STRATHROY, C. W.

Stated Meeting—First Friday after Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John Scoon	W. M.
" " George Masson	P. M.
" W. H. Armstrong	Secretary.

Number of Members 29.

CLINTON LODGE, No. 46, CLINTON, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Wednesday on or after Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Samuel H. Rance	W. M.
" Henry J. Middaugh	S. W.
" D. M. Macmillan	J. W.
" Wm. Owen	Treasurer.
" Russel H. Read	Secretary.

Number of Members 21.

RISING SUN LODGE, No. 47, FARMERSVILLE, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Thursday nearest Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

[No Returns for the past year.]

WILSON LODGE No. 48, TORONTO C. W.

Stated Meeting—Third Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

R. W. Br. Kivas Tully	W. M.
V. " " S. B. Campbell	S. W.
" " H. B. Bostwick	J. W.
" Joseph Lyons	Treasurer.
" Lawrence L. Levey	Secretary.

Number of Members 17.

ST. JAMES' LODGE, No. 49, ST. MARY'S, C.W.

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. W. T. O'Reilly	W. M.
“ Thomas Christie,.....	S. W.
“ Joseph McDougall,.....	J. W.
“ James McCuaig,.....	Treasurer.
“ W. Groeme Tomkins,--	Secretary.
Number of Members	15.

MARKHAM UNION LODGE, No. 50, MARKHAM.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Wm. Campbell,.....	W. M.
“ Jno. H. Demot,.....	S. W.
“ Salem Eckardt,.....	J. W.
“ C. M. Kellar,.....	Treasurer.
“ H. R. Carson,.....	Secretary.
Number of Members	18.

CATARAQUI LODGE, No. 51, KINGSTON.

Stated Meeting—Second Wednesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

V. W. Br. Ed. J. Barker,.....	W. M.
“ O'Loughlin,.....	S. W.
“ S. D. Bondheim,.....	J. W.
“ Jno. A. Greenson,.....	Treasurer.
“ Robt. Chalmers,.....	Secretary.
Number of Members	29.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, No. 52, KINCARDINE, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Monday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Wm. Gunn,.....	W. M.
“ Jno. W. Gamble,.....	S. W.
“ Jno. Scott,.....	J. W.
“ David Gairdner,	Secretary.
Number of Members	9

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ST. MARKS LODGE, No. 53, PORT STANLEY, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Second Saturday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. T. D. Hale	W. M.
“ E. G. Forknall	S. W.
“ James L. Price	J. W.
“ Mathew Child	Secretary.
Number of Members	7.

SHARON LODGE, No. 54, SHARON, C. W.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. James Bowman	W. M.
“ W. B. Perry	S. W.
“ Thomas Shannon	J. W.
“ Alexander Souter	Treasurer.
“ Daniel W. Reid	Secretary.
Number of Members	14.

VALLEY LODGE, No. 55, DUNDAS, C. W.

Stated Meeting—First Wednesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John King	W. M.
“ William Taylor	S. W.
“ J. D. Thomas	J. W.
“ Luke Ballard	Secretary.
Number of Members	7.

IRON DUKE LODGE, No. 56, ARTHUR, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Thursday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. J. A. Preston	W. M.
“ David Grass	S. W.
“ Robert Williamson	J. W.
Number of Members	7.

MOUNT BRYDGES LODGE, No. 57, MT. BRYDGES, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Third Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John Thomson	W. M.
" Thomas Wilson	S. W.
" T. J. Lawrence	J. W.
" Jonas Near	Treasurer.
" Edward Handy	Secretary.
Number of Members	14.

MAPLE LEAF LODGE, No. 58, ST. CATHARINES, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Thursday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. William McGhie	W. M.
" Augustus Jukes	S. W.
" James Seymour	J. W.
Number of Members	18.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 59, NORWICHVILLE, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Paul Bedford,.....	W. M.
" H. N. Coartlandt,.....	S. W.
" Jno. A. Tidey,.....	J. W.
Number of Members	8.

ST. MARY'S LODGE, No. 60, DRUMMONDVILLE, C. W.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Thos. W. Street,.....	W. M.
" George Twomley,.....	S. W.
" Thos. Evans,.....	J. W.
" G. W. Smith,.....	Treasurer.
" R. B. Price,.....	Secretary.
Number of Members	13.

BURFORD LODGE, No. 61, BURFORD, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Wednesday before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Jira Skinner,.....	W. M.
" Edward Hipkins,.....	S. W.
" Jacob Bingham,.....	J. W.
" Willard M. Whitehead,..	Secretary.
Number of Members	7.

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ST. PAUL'S LODGE No. 62, LAMBETH, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Second Wednesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Charles P. Burch,	W. M.
" Jno. M. Crinklaw,	S. W.
" F. W. H. C. Jarvis,	J. W.
Number of Members	9.

BLENHEIM LODGE, No. 63, DRUMBO, C. W.

Stated Meeting—Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Wesley Howell,	W. M.
" James B. Rounds,	S. W.
" Alex. Murray,	J. W.
Number of Members	7.

AFFILIATING LODGES AT THE UNION.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE No. 1, P. R., TORONTO.

Stated Meeting—Second Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. W. G. Storm,	W. M.
V. " " Wm. R. Harris,	S. W.
" J. H. Richey	J. W.
V. " " Henry Rowsell	Treasurer.
" Wm. F. McMaster,	Secretary.
Number of Members	116.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 3, P. R., KINGSTON, C. W.

Stated Meeting—First Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. James Hill Rowan,	W. M.
" Jno. Kerr,	P. M.
" E. H. Parker,	S. W.
" David Frazer,	J. W.
" James Wright,	Treasurer.
W. " Geo. F. La Serre,	Secretary.
Number of Members	67.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

MOIRA LODGE, No. 4, P. R. BELLEVILLE.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. W. H. Coleman,.....	W. M.
[No other Returns.]	

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 5, P.R. COBOURG.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Wm. H. Weller.....	W. M.
[No other returns.]	

UNION LODGE, No. 6, P. R. NAPANEE.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. N. W. Scott,.....	W. M.
" " B. C. Davy,	P. M.
" James Salmon,.....	S. W.
" Amos S. Bristol,.....	J. W.
" Andrew Stevenson,	Treasurer.
" J. D. Roblin,.....	Secretary.
Numbers of Members.....	36.

WESTERN LIGHT LODGE, No. 7, P. R. BOLTON.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. James Wilson,.....	W. M.
" Thos. Swinerton.....	P. M.
" Robert Elliot,.....	S. W.
" Geo. Evans,.....	J. W.
" Thos. Mills,.....	Treasurer.
" James H. Pettigrew,....	Secretary.
Number of Members.....	20.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 14, P.R. RICHMOND HILL, C.W.

Stated Meeting—Thursday preceding the Full Moon of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. D. Bridgford	W. M.
" J. C. Burr	S.W.
" E. Chamberlain	J.W.
" W. G. Hinkson.....	Treasurer.
" N. A. Gamble.....	Secretary.
Number of Members	22.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 16, P. R., CARLETON PLACE.

[No Returns.]

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IONIC LODGE, No. 18, P. R., TORONTO.
Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. J. B. Cherriman	W. M.
" " W. H. Stanton	P. M.
" J. C. Small	S. W.
" W. C. Chewett	J. W.
" N. Gatchell	Treasurer.
" P. McG. McCutchon	Secretary.
Number of Members	50.

UNITED LODGE, No. 19, P. R., BRIGHTON.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. J. B. Young	W. M.
[No further Returns.]	

ONTARIO LODGE, No. 20, P. R., PORT HOPE.
[No Returns.]

TRUE BRITON'S LODGE, No. 21, P. R., PERTH.
Stated Meeting—First Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John Hart	W. M.
" " John Murray	P. M.
" Donald Fraser	S. W.
" John Kean	J. W.
" George Cox	Treasurer.
" Robert Robertson	Secretary.
Number of Members	23.

KEMPTVILLE LODGE, No. 23, P. R., KEMPTVILLE.
[No Returns.]

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 26, P. R., GUELPH.
[No Returns.]

JERUSALEM LODGE, No. 28, P. R., BOWMANVILLE.
W. Br. J. Milne

[No other Return.]

ST. FRANCIS LODGE, No. 17, P.R., SMITH'S FALLS.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. James Shaw	W. M.
[No further Returns.]	

AMITY LODGE, No. 29, P. R., DUNNVILLE.

Stated Meeting—Wednesday after the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Jabez Amsden	W. M.
“ “ John McIndoe	P. M.
“ William Montague	S.W.
“ A. Galbraith	J. W.
“ Robert Mundy	Treasurer.
“ Josiah Frink	Secretary.
Number of Members	29.

ROSE LODGE, No. 30, P. R., SANDWICH.

[No returns.]

TRENT LODGE, No. 32, P. R., TRENTON.

[No. returns.]

MOUNT ZION LODGE, No. 33, P. R., BROOKLIN.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Calvin Campbell	W. M.
“ “ Adam Vansickler	P. M.
“ Jas. G. Baird	S. W.
“ Henry Vansickler	J. W.
“ George W. Colston	Treasurer.
“ Geo. B. Mott	Secretary.
Number of Members	24.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 34, P. R., KINGSVILLE.

Stated Meeting—Thursday on or preceding the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Wm. J. Malott	W. M.
“ “ Hugh Ruthven	P. M.
“ John Simons	S. W.
“ Aaron C. Black	J. W.
“ Wm. Wigle	Treasurer.
“ John H. Black	Secretary.
Number of Members	22.

COMPOSITE LODGE, No. 35, P.R., WHITBY.

Stated Meeting—Thursday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. James Wallace	W. M.
" " Charles Clark	P. M.
" Yeoman Gibson	S. W.
" E. P. Hubbard	J. W.
" John M. Lowes	Treasurer.
" John H. Greenwood	Secretary.
Number of Members.....	39.

WELLAND LODGE No. 36, P. R., FONTHILL.

[No Returns.]

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 37, P.R., LONDON.

Stated Meeting—First Wednesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. R. R. Grindley	W. M.
R. " " J. K. Brown	P. M.
" H. D. Morehouse	S.W.
" W. F. Hardy	J.W.
" A. H. Vennor	Treasurer.
" John Smith	Secretary.
Number of Members.....	40.

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 38, P. R., WOODSTOCK.

W. Br. S. D. Brown W. M.

[No Returns.]

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 39, P. R., CHATHAM.

[No Returns.]

MADOC LODGE, No. 42, P. R., MADOC.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday after Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. James Waight	W. M.
" " John Francis	P. M.
" Benjamin H. Maybe	S.W.
" M. P. Hayes	J.W.
" A. P. Wood	Treasurer.
" T. S. Agar	Secretary.

ERIE LODGE, No. 43, P. R., MORPETH.

[No Returns.]

CONSECON LODGE, No. 44, P. R., CONSECON.

Stated Meeting—Friday preceding the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Levi C. Bailey	W. M.
" " Gibb Squier	P. M.
" J. M. Cadman	S. W.
" M. Miller	J. W.
" Wm. Kirkland	Treasurer.
" Thos. A. Fairman	Secretary.
Number of Members	39.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 45, P. R., STANLEY MILLS.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Christopher Burrell	W. M.
" " Joseph Figg	P. M.
" J. P. Cummins	S. W.
" John Ellis	J. W.
" John A. Thistle	Treasurer.
" F. Brega	Secretary.
Number of Members	21.

MIRICKVILLE LODGE, No. 46, P. R., MIRICKVILLE.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday after the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. George Power	W. M.
" " George Mirick	P. M.
" Christopher Leggo	S. W.
" Henry Mirick	J. W.
" Wm. Mirick	Treasurer.
" John Muir	Secretary.
Number of Members	36.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 47, P. R., PORT SARNIA.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Thos. Forsyth	W. M.
" " George Kilborn	P. M.
" " E. H. Bucke	S. W.
" Alex Scott	J. W.
" Hy. Glass	Treasurer.
" T. B. Parder	Secretary.
Number of Members	39.

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NORTH GOWER LODGE, No. 48, P. R., NORTH GOWER.
 [No returns.]

DORIC LODGE No. 49, P. R., OTTAWA.

Stated Meeting—First Wednesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. James Wilson	W. M.
" " Wm. Tracy	P. M.
" J. B. Lewis	S. W.
" Thos. Storey	J. W.
" Thos. Hunton	Treasurer.
" D. M. Grant	Secretary.
Number of Members	21.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 50, P. R., OTTAWA.

Stated Meeting—Third Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. A. C. Kelty	W. M.
" " P. P. Harris	P. M.
" Geo. Heaback	S. W.
" E. Sherwood	J. W.
" Jas. Fitzgibbon	Treasurer.
" Fred. Marett	Secretary.
Number of Members	37.

SIMCOE LODGE, No. 52, P. R., SIMCOE.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John Boyd	W. M.
" " M. H. Foley	P. M.
" William Grieves	S. W.
" J. M. Salmon	J. W.
" William Hardy	Treasurer.
" Joshua De VanNorman	Secretary.
Number of Members	38.

DURHAM LODGE, No. 53, P. R., NEWCASTLE.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Edward A. Macnaughton	W. M.
" " James P. Lovekin	P. M.
" Samuel Wilmot	S. W.
" John J. Robson	J. W.
" John A. Gairdner	Treasurer.
" H. S. Northrop	Secretary.
Number of Members	30.

STIRLING LODGE, No. 54, P. R., STIRLING.

Stated Meeting—Thursday after the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. John McLean	W. M.
“ “ W. S. Brownson	P. M.
“ George H. Boatter	S. W.
“ J. M. Ward	J. W.
“ Robert McRorey	Treasurer.
“ George E. Ball	Secretary.
Number of Members	27.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 55, P. R., TORONTO.

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. William Hay	W. M.
“ “ George B. Wyllie	P. M.
“ David Stirling	S. W.
“ Joseph Jackes	J. W.
“ John Higgins	Treasurer.
“ George H. Halse	Secretary.
Number of Members	50.

OXFORD LODGE, No. 56, P. R., WOODSTOCK.

Stated Meeting—Second Wednesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. George W. Whitehead ..	W. M.
“ R. A. Woodcock	S. W.
“ Joseph A. Hamilton ..	J. W.
“ Charles A. Whitehead ..	Treasurer.
“ John Greig	Secretary.
Number of Members	18.

LODGE OF FAITHFUL BRETHREN, No. 57, P. R., MANILLA.

[No Returns.]

SIMCOE LODGE, No. 58, P. R., BRADFORD.

Stated Meeting—Thursday after the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. J. W. H. Wilson	W. M.
“ Donald McNiven	S. W.
“ Henry Grose	J. W.
“ George A. Barnard	Treasurer.
“ Benjamin Barnard	Secretary.
Number of Members	10.

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 59, P. R., OWEN SOUND.

Stated Meeting—Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Henry Maepherson	W. M.
" Thomas Gordon	S.W.
" John George Francis	J.W.
" Frederick LePau	Treasurer.
" John Creasor	Secretary.
Number of Members	20.

COLBORNE LODGE, No. 60, P. R., COLBORNE.

[No Returns.]

RIDOUT LODGE, No. 61, P. R., OTTERVILLE.

Stated Meeting—Thursday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. S. Joy	W. M.
" C. Lewis	S.W.
" John Wood	J.W.
" Asa Durker	Treasurer.
" Robert Mann	Secretary.
Number of Members	23.

TRUE BLUE LODGE, No. 62, P. R., ALBION.

Stated Meeting—Friday on or before Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. William Graham	W. M.
" Robert Dick	S. W.
" William Lynass	J. W.
" G. Gilmore	Treasurer.
" William Morris	Secretary.
Number of Members	12.

KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 63, P. R., LINDSAY.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday before the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. G. M. Roche	W. M.
" Oliver Boyden	S. W.
" Joseph McMaster	J. W.
" William McDonnell	Treasurer.
" A. W. Brown	Secretary.
Number of Members	17.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 64, P. R., BARRIE.

Stated Meeting—Friday preceding the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Charles B. Chalmers.....	W. M.
“ H. Bernard	S. W.
“ James Houston.....	J. W.
“ C. Partridge	Treasurer.
“ H. B. Hopkins	Secretary.

MANITO LODGE, No. 65, P.R., COLLINGWOOD.

Stated Meeting—Thursday on or after the Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Thomas C. Prosser	W. M.
“ Charles Kelly	S. W.
“ William Shepherd.....	J. W.
“ Robert Ross	Treasurer.
“ William D. Pollard.....	Secretary.

Number of Members 20.

TUSCAN LODGE, No. 66, P. R., NEWMARKET.

Stated Meeting—Second Wednesday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

W. Br. Alfred Boultbee.....	W. M.
“ Jno. Bentley,.....	S. W.
“ M. S. Conogell,.....	J. W.
“ N. A. Gamble.....	Treasurer.
“ William Trent.....	Secretary.

Number of Members,..... 15.



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